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There is still hope

Insp. Don Coleman said a young girl matching Taliyah's description was seen walking with a man near where her mother's vehicle was located in Panorama. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Tips from Panorama suggest missing five-year-old alive, being cared for

CCTV footage shows Taliyah and her mom at Dairy Queen on Sunday, before the child went missing. Police said Wednesday witnesses have reported seeing the girl in Panorama. COURTESY CPS

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police say new evidence in the search for five-year-old Taliyah Marsman, who is the subject of a provincewide Amber Alert, is keeping them hopeful the little girl is safe.

Insp. Don Coleman of the Major Crimes Unit told reporters Wednesday that they've received tips from Panorama residents saying they saw a young girl matching Taliyah's description walking with a "stocky black man" near where her mother's vehicle was located around 11:30 a.m. Monday.

Coleman said the girl was said to be wearing red or pink boots with white polka dots and carrying a red suitcase.

"We're hopeful Taliyah is safe," he said. "If the girl in Panorama with the boots and the suitcase is in fact Taliyah, then the suitcase is a promising indication that whoever she's with has intentions of caring for her to some degree."

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Police track down leads in search for missing girl

AMBER ALERT

Force has received more than 100 tips

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police are looking to identify a family seen on CCTV footage speaking with Sara Baillie and Taliyah Marsman on Sunday evening.

Taliyah, 5, is the subject of an Amber Alert after her mother Sara Baillie was found dead inside their Panamount Boulevard home.

Insp. Don Coleman said police have since ruled Baillie's death a homicide but will not be releasing the cause of death. He said autopsy information as well as tips and leads have helped police "narrow" their focus, but they haven't yet named any suspects.

Coleman said police have obtained CCTV footage from Sunday at approximately 5:30 p.m. that shows Baillie and Taliyah at the Dairy Queen restaurant located at 66 Sandarac Dr. N.W.

The footage appears to show Baillie speaking with a family at the Dairy Queen.

"We would like to identify this family and speak with them, as it appears Sara might have known the family and they may have some information," he said. "She came in, she waved, and they had a brief conversation."

Witnesses in the community of Panorama said that on Monday at approximately 11:30 a.m., a girl matching Taliyah's description was seen with a "stocky black man" in the area where Baillie's vehicle was found, close to Panamount Boulevard N.W.

The girl was wearing red or pink boots with white polka dots and was carrying a reddish-coloured suitcase.

Coleman said if the girl was Taliyah and she had a suitcase, it is a "promising indication" whoever has her is caring for her.

Police said they have dedicated significant resources to the search for Taliyah and have received more than 100 tips from the public.

"We're hopeful that she's safe and will remain hopeful that she's safe and just with someone who is trying to figure out what to do," said Coleman. "Whoever that is needs to understand whenever children are harmed that changes the game and takes it to a whole new level for everybody."

Taliyah Marsman, 5, is the subject of an Amber Alert after her mother was found dead. FACEBOOK

> **Whenever children are harmed that changes the game and takes it to a whole new level for everybody.**
> Insp. Don Coleman

CONTACT

Anyone who believes they have seen Taliyah are asked to contact 911 immediately. Anyone with information about the homicide is asked to contact police by calling the non-emergency line at 403-266-1234 or the Homicide Unit Tip Line at 403-428-8877.

FAMILY

Father issues a plea for release

The father of missing Calgary girl Taliyah Marsman is pleading with anyone who might have information in her disappearance to "do the right thing."

An Amber Alert was issued early Tuesday after officers were called out to the 1000 block of Panamount Boulevard N.W. and Taliyah's mother was found dead inside their basement suite.

Colin Marsman, Taliyah's father, said in a statement that his daughter is his "light" and he loves her with all his heart.

In the statement sent to Metro by Marsman's girlfriend, Jessica Mardinger, Colin Marsman asks that she be allowed to come home to her family.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone out there, including the media and especially law enforcement, for their continued search for Taliyah. I also want to send my deepest condolences to Sara's family during this time," reads the statement.

"I want to make a plea to anyone out there who knows anything about where my baby is. Please, it's never too late to do the right thing!

"With all my heart, I love her sooo much; she is my light! Please allow her to come home to her family."

Marsman's son, Jaylin, told Metro his dad truly cares for both him and Taliyah.

"My dad is the best dad ever," Jaylin said. "He loves me and my sister with all his heart." METRO

TRIBUTE

Horrified neighbours pledge support

Stuffed animals, cards and flowers form a small but growing tribute outside the northwest Calgary home of Sara Baillie and missing five-year-old Taliyah Marsman.

Baillie was found dead in their basement suite on Panamount Boulevard N.W. on Monday evening after friends called police when she didn't show up for work.

Sola Dada, who lives in the upstairs of the home where Baillie's body was found, said it's bittersweet to see the tribute.

"It makes me feel happy to know the community is coming together and putting forward those good vibes and that good energy," she said.

Keren Mok, who lives in the community and teaches at Captain Nichola Goddard School, said she dropped off flowers because she wants the family to know they're supported.

"It's really concerning that this has happened within our own community," she said. "We just wanted to provide our support and be here for the family."

Mok said she's ready to lend support in any way she can.

"If they need us to search or whatever, we want to help," she said. "We're praying we can find her."

Nadja Omerovic, who has lived in the neighbourhood for seven years, said they're all in unfamiliar territory.

"It just feels so weird; we've never had anything like this happen before," she said. "The worst thing that ever happened was a house fire, but everybody survived that."

Omerovic said knowing someone was murdered and an innocent child is missing has left her feeling uneasy.

She said that although she had never seen Taliyah before, she had seen Baillie.

"It's so surreal. I have seen her around, and it makes me really upset; she really didn't deserve any of this."

LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

A tribute is growing outside the home where Sara Baillie was found dead and Taliyah went missing. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

ECOLOGY

Fish die-off at zoo leads to probe

Hundreds of fish have perished at the Calgary Zoo.

According to a release, staff discovered a number of dead fish in two pools located by the TransAlta Rainforest. Staff quickly moved to "emergency protocols" to save as many fish as possible.

Hundreds were saved, but unfortunately 200 of the adult fish didn't make it.

"We are conducting a full investigation to understand what caused the deaths," read an online statement. "The necessary tanks have now been completely flushed and stabilized."

In-house testing concluded the deaths weren't caused by a "systems failure," and the zoo suspects there were contaminants in the water.

"We are undergoing advanced water testing at this time to further investigate the cause," read the release. METRO

AIRDRIE

Coach faces exploitation charges

Airdrie RCMP have charged a 25-year-old assistant basketball coach from Calgary with sexual exploitation of a young person.

Kristie Sheils, an assistant basketball coach of the University Of Calgary Junior Dinos club program, was charged July 11 and appeared in Calgary provincial court the following day.

She was released on conditions which include, having no contact with the victim, having no contact with any children under the age of 18 unless in the presence of an adult who is at least 21 years of age, and not to be employed or engaged in volunteer service which would put her in a position of trust or authority to children under the age of 18. METRO

Calgary Transit is seeing encouraging numbers in terms of a drop in bus shelter vandalism in 2016. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Shelter vandalism down

COMMUNITY

Calgary Transit acknowledges value of public tip-offs in drop

Helen Pike
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Community calls and reports are helping Calgary Transit sweep up their bus shelter vandalism stats.

According to the latest numbers, shelter vandalism is trending down more than 60 per cent over last year's numbers. As we head into the peak of smashing season, Brian Whitelaw, co-ordinator for public safety at Calgary Transit, said they're on track to have one of the lowest shelter vandalism years since 2013.

"We're seeing a downward trend quite a bit," said Whitelaw. "It's just nice to see, it takes a while."

Calgary Transit sounded the alarm in 2014 as shelter vandalism struck the network hard, shattering 838 panes of glass in a year, which was up 78 per cent from the previous year. That translated to roughly 4 shelters being smashed daily. In 2015 the trend subsided with a total of 470 shelters smashed.

> We're seeing more citizen input from people who are driving by.
> Brian Whitelaw

In April, 2015, the city launched an ad campaign running on select Calgary Transit bus shelters to curb crime. The posters depicted a man smashing a shelter in the dark cover of night with the words: Vandalism is a crime, call 911 if you see someone damaging the shelter.

Since the campaign launched, Transit has been nabbing more alleged vandals, and received public tips to help them close cases.

According to Whitelaw, most of this encouraging trend in 2016 is attributed to a new community attitude when it comes to the crime. Witnesses aren't ignoring the smashed glass, and instead are calling in when they see the streets littered.

"Certainly the message got out there," said Whitelaw. "We're seeing more citizen input from people who are driving by in neighbourhoods, reporting it."

Typically the crimes were harder to solve, as many of the vandals would strike in the middle of the night, with witnesses few and far between.

"Just the increased reporting makes a big difference in our ability to get to these things quickly," said Whitelaw. "Damaging bus shelters is not acceptable…people are being held accountable for the damage."

ECONOMY

Credit where it's due

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Coun. Ward Sutherland is questioning statements made by the provincial finance minister earlier this week about the city's credit rating.

At the Premier's Stampede breakfast, Finance Minister Joe Ceci said the city can thank the province for its continued strong credit rating.

But Coun. Sutherland, vice chair of the city's finance committee, said the city's credit rating is strong despite the province's actions, not because of them.

"I'd be really interested to know what data (Ceci) can show me that shows they're responsible for our good credit rating."

Sutherland said Standard and Poor's recent report points to the city's debt limit, budgeting, and liquidity.

He noted that the province has delayed Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) payments, costing the city an extra $98 million in interest over about nine years.

Sutherland also said the city picks up the cost for services that are supposed to be provincial responsibilities, including accessible transit and affordable housing.

When asked for a response to Coun. Sutherland's comments, a government spokesperson provided an emailed statement.

"The government maintains strong support for municipalities and, in fact, Alberta remains the highest funder of municipalities across all provinces in Canada," wrote the spokesperson.

The email also detailed money for the city in the 2016 budget, and said it demonstrates the province's commitment to municipalities.

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Saddledome roof stymies big acts

ENTERTAINMENT

The arena's load-bearing capacity is too low: Live Nation

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

CalgaryNEXT could bring more big-name artists to Calgary, according to a Live Nation spokesman.

Calgary Flames president Ken King has stated in the past it will be a superior concert venue to the existing Saddledome.

There are a number of reasons why so many big-name musical acts skip Calgary on their Canada tours — but the main culprit is the Saddledome roof.

"If it's a very, very large show — you can use Drake as an example. The Drake show is too heavy, it can't play Calgary," explained Live Nation central president Ian Low. "The Maroon 5 show last year, it was too big, it couldn't play Calgary. That's the main reason artists skip playing the market."

Low said big shows come with heavy, transforming sets with large LED screens, and can average about 120,000 pounds.

According to the Saddledome website, its grid structure can only support about 60,000 pounds — the CalgaryNEXT stadium, when it's built, is expected to support significantly more, which Low said could mean more big acts moving through the city.

He said big venues throughout the country now support an average capacity of 200,000 pounds. Having a heavy show in the Saddledome causes safety concerns, as it drags down the roof. Bands in the past have been forced to cancel shows when their weight allowance teetered on the edge — and heavy snow on the roof caused it to become too much of a risk.

Acoustics, he said, are rarely an issue.

The other big factor in deciding if Calgary will become a tour stop is timing. Low said shows are planned out about eight to 10 months ahead for rock and pop artists — and up to a year ahead for country artists. They started planning the Duran Duran show, which is slated for Aug. 30, in December.

When artists come up from the U.S., they try to pack in as many arena dates as possible, so Live Nation starts reaching out to confirm dates.

"Sometimes avails work, and sometimes avails don't. So we have to try and skip a market sometimes based on calendar events," Low said.

Low said the situation is much better than it was 20 years ago, when touring artists pretty much only hit Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.

"As the Canadian dollar got stronger in the mid-2000s, more artists were coming up to Canada and having great success," he said. "When the dollar was more favourable, we were getting more value for our ticket price, because we pay artists in U.S. dollars and ticket prices are in Canadian dollars. Now it's a bit tougher."

Artists such as Drake and Maroon 5 haven't been able to move their sets into the Saddledome, so they've had to skip Calgary. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Flooding at the intersection of 14 Street and 90 Avenue SW is just one of the many concerns raised by the group Ready to Engage about the SW BRT project. The city plans an underpass tunnel for buses at this intersection. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

90 AVENUE

Underpass a chance to fix flooding: City

One of the ongoing concerns raised by Ready to Engage about the plans for the SW BRT is drainage at the intersection of 14 Street and 90 Avenue SW.

The city is planning to construct a tunnel or underpass under 90 Avenue to allow buses to avoid lights at the intersection.

On Tuesday, rainstorms in the southwest caused the intersection to flood again, and Ready to Engage was quick to point it out on social media.

Ready to Engage spokesman Alan Hallman said it's because the nearby Glenmore Reservoir lacks a liner. "There's a natural river that runs through that continuously — so when we get a little bit of precipitation, that floods there," he said.

But the city says the underpass will actually be a chance to fix drainage issues in the area, according to transportation spokesman Sean Somers, who said the issue is addressed in the city's latest report to citizens.

> **There's a natural river that runs through that continuously.**
> Alan Hallman

There would be two separate systems," said Somers. "One for the existing stormwater channel, and there'd be one dedicated to the tunnel itself."

He said in addition to that, the underpass would operate under a separate system that collects water, that only falls in a depressed portion of that transitway.

The city is also looking at many infrastructure components it can upgrade or repair while they're building the SW BRT, Somers said.

BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

Document answers 62 questions

BUS RAPID TRANSIT

Residents had concerns from gas lines to ridership data

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Anyone who still has questions about the city's planned Bus Rapid Transit system in the southwest might want to check out the city's new FAQ.

The City of Calgary issued a 90-page document Wednesday with answers to 62 questions put forward by citizens at an April 20 Transportation and Transit meeting.

> **This is a bit of an unprecedented move for us.**
> Sean Somers

The meeting was heavily attended by citizens from southwest communities who are opposed to the city's transit plans in the southwest, which include adding dedicated bus lanes along sections of 14 Street SW.

"This is not typical of what administration would do — so this is a bit of an unprecedented move for us in terms of releasing all this information early," said transportation spokesman Sean Somers.

He said the department would usually release these documents Friday afternoon in anticipation of Wednesday's meeting, but they wanted to give people as much time as possible to read through the material.

Somers noted that the report took many extra hours of work by city departments, and he believes it shows the project was not just thrown together without much thought.

Questions cover items including the consultation process to gas line concerns to how ridership data was collected.

Alan Hallman, spokesperson for opposition group Ready to Engage, said the report validates many of his group's concerns.

"When we first brought up concerns about the gas lines, we were mocked and sneered at by our mayor," said Hallman.

Now the city is looking at doing work in tandem with gas utility ATCO because they are planning gas line changes in 2018. The city wants to avoid digging up 14 Street SW now and again in a few years.

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CHARITY

Food rescuers haul Stampede leftovers

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Flapjack flippers and pancake dippers know they won't go hungry during the Stampede week celebrations — but for those in need, breakfast lunch and supper are often a question mark — even when the city is brimming with carbs.

This year, unlike others, there's a place to gather unwanted food scraps like batter mix and syrup: Leftovers YYC.

The local volunteer-run food-saving company has been collecting bread, pastries and produce to the tune of thousands of pounds, delivering the goods to organizations who need them. So, partnering with Stampede breakfasts across the city was a no-brainer for founder Lourdes Juan.

"It's kind of always been our goal with LeftOvers to wrangle up all that Stampede food," Juan said.

So far, they've picked up deliveries from the City of Calgary and Cadillac Fairview, with a few more leads on other breakfasts that may need to take a load off.

"They had a ton of excess," Juan said. "We were able to pick up some dry pancake goods and almost 300 pounds of it went to the Drop-In Centre and from what I hear that got allocated to other service agencies as well."

But the prized haul might come from their relationship with Do it Green, who have asked them to come for the final day of Stampede and gather midway food.

"We've grown exponentially and the community has been supportive of everything we do," Juan said. "We're still 100 per cent volunteer powered, we'd be nothing without our volunteers."

The support for LeftOvers has snowballed and Juan is hoping next Stampede they can work on the contacts they've gathered so far to combat future food waste.

To see more about what LeftOvers YYC does and volunteer visit their website: rescuefood.ca

Lourdes Juan
JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Festiva fans gather

VINTAGE VEHICLES

Fans of the retro car to meet in Kananaskis this weekend

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

There are Ferraris, there are F-Types, and then there are Ford Festivas.

Given his choice, Ian Cassley would go with the third.

In fact, Cassley has gone a long way with his Ford Festiva, putting nearly 400,000 kilometres on his first over 13 years before retiring it for a newer model in the past few months.

"They're fun to drive, easy to work on and they get great gas mileage," he said.

The affordable hatchback from the 1990s has developed a following among certain car aficionados, and this weekend Cassley is organizing the eighth annual Westiva gathering in Kananaskis country.

"It's not just for Festivas — I've put out invites on Geo Metro and Suzuki Swift forums — any kind of econo-box car from the late '80s early '90s," he said.

It's an event he's been organizing annually since 2008 (with a year off for the 2013 floods), and while the turnout is usually small — generally fewer than 10 cars — it has attracted Festiva lovers from as far away as Vancouver, Wyoming and Ontario.

Some, like Cassley, enjoy how easy they are to modify. His latest has a turbocharged engine from a 1988 Mazda 323, special seats, and a body kit.

Ian Cassley with his new-to-him Ford Festiva. It has a turbocharged engine and many modifications, including new seats a custom body kit. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

> They're fun to drive, easy to work on and they get great gas mileage.
> Ian Cassley

Last year Westiva hosted two guys from British Columbia who had cut the roof off a Festiva and shortened the body by 22 inches. They hadn't bothered replacing the roof, making for a wet trip.

Other owners, like Ryan Prins of Edmonton, just like their reliability.

Prins will be at Westiva on Saturday and he's in the purist camp. He tries to keep his 1993 Festiva as close to stock as possible.

It has about 450,000 kilometres on it, and he has put about 230,000 of those kilometres on it himself.

He said he once used it to haul 700 pounds of sheep wool.

His plan is to build a small trailer and do a cross-Canada trip next summer with his wife and two kids.

"These cars are very, very easy to work on — I can probably fix almost anything on the side of the road. They have very little electronics."

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Help for post-partum depression

MENTAL HEALTH

Link allows moms to assist others in pain

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The best resource when dealing with post-partum depression is another mom who's already beaten it.

That's the philosophy behind MOMS Link, created by Nicole Letourneau, professor in the nursing faculty in the University of Calgary.

Piloting it first in New Brunswick, Letourneau is now bringing it to Calgary.

Women who signed up had a weekly one-on-one phone call with a mom who had already experience post-partum depression. They're trained to help by listening, allowing the new mother to guide the conversation, and sharing their own experiences when they can.

Nicole Letourneau

The program lasted 12 weeks. Letourneau said by the eight-week mark, only 11 per cent of the women who signed up still reported being depressed.

"When we look at the data more deeply, for many women, as few as four phone calls could take them from being depressed to not being depressed — and that's truly terrific," she said.

Often women experiencing depression don't wish to go on medication, as they're breastfeeding and are afraid of its effects on the baby.

She said there's still a stigma around post-partum depression.

"For many women to admit they're depressed after having a baby is like admitting they're a bad mother. It's not true," said Letourneau.

The risks of untreated post-partum depression include a lower quality of life for the mother, as they don't look after themselves or the baby as well. It can also lead to mental confusion, anxiety and suicidal thoughts.

For the baby, when their mother isn't a great playmate or responsive partner, it can hinder brain development. As well, when moms are depressed, 25 to 50 per cent of dads also become depressed, according to Letourneau.

Letourneau is looking for contractors to help launch the program in Calgary and Alberta.

The Majors are moving from Calgary to Ecuador in the face of the economic downturn. They're gathering items to sell in a garage sale so they can leave things behind. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TOUGH TIMES

People packing up to leave province

Amid the dozens of Calgarians posting online moving sale ads in the aftermath of the oil price crash, Lora and Danny Major's story is typical, even if their relocation destination isn't.

Next month, the couple plans to move with their three preteen children to Cuenca, Ecuador. Until that moment arrives, they'll be selling almost everything they own in garage sales and leaving an uncertain future in the oilpatch.

> We looked at each other and said, 'Well, why? Why do we have to pay for this house?
> Lora Major

Lora, 37, says the idea of moving overseas grew out of a "cyclical conversation" since Danny, 38, was laid off last October from his job as a process engineer for a major oilsands producer. He found employment with an engineering/design firm soon after, but hasn't been happy with a job he says is less challenging, more stressful and offers fewer benefits.

"He said, 'Well, someone's got to pay for this house,"' recalls Lora, who trained as a biomedical engineer but has been home with the children since the family moved from Edmonton eight years ago.

"Then we looked at each other and said, 'Well, why? Why do we have to pay for this house? Why are we here?"'

Statistics Canada says Alberta lost a net 1,790 residents to other parts of Canada in the first three months of this year, the largest quarterly decrease since late 2009, the last time oil prices took a nosedive.

The outmigration should be good news for moving companies. But Doug Jasper, general manager of AMJ Campbell Calgary and a 30-year industry veteran, says that's not the case.

"It's a different kind of move this year," he says.

Jasper says families leaving Calgary are trying to save money on their move because they don't have an employer to pay for it.

Lora Major says the family's garage sales feature beds, a poker table, toys, clothing, Christmas decorations and housewares. Some bigger or more prized items will go to friends or family under long-term lending arrangements.

"We're planning on getting rid of almost everything," she says. "We're not taking anything with us or leaving anything in the house." THE CANADIAN PRESS

CAMPAIGN

Minimum-wage-hike advertising chided

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The Alberta government isn't necessarily spending the big bucks to advertise its plans to hike the minimum wage.

On Wednesday, Ministry of Labour spokesman Matt Dykstra said the government has budgeted $400,000 for its Destination Living Wage campaign, promoting it online and through radio. The budgeted money includes creative development and advertising.

The campaign, which will run for approximately four weeks since its launch in late June, has irked Wildrose jobs critic Grant Hunter.

He said the $400,000 could be better spent on projects.

"In my opinion, I don't know why it's so popular they need to spend anything on it," Hunter said. "My question is, If their policies are so in sync with Albertans, why do they have to spend so much convincing Albertans?"

But Dykstra said the government has a responsibility to inform Albertans about major policy decisions that affect them.

He said paid advertising is one of the most effective ways to reach Albertans about how the program will be phased in, why it's changing and who will be affected.

In late June, the government said it spent $4.4 million on campaign costs to promote its Carbon Leadership Plan online, and through television, radio, print and cinema.

Dykstra said the government has spent less promoting the minimum wage largely because the campaign isn't on television and isn't running as long as the climate plan ads.

The minimum-wage hike also has less policy initiatives than the carbon levy, Dykstra added.

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James Jordan said the show is a culmination of 20 years of work, in many different areas. COURTESY JAMES JORDAN

Dabbling in dark magic for laughs

FESTIVAL

City's eminent vaudevillian launches new show for Fringe

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgarian James Jordan truly has a vaudevillian mind.

In his 20-year career, he's done singing, dancing, circus training, musical comedy, stand-dup and — most importantly — magic.

"I just like to have fun," he laughed before striking a pose, waving his magic wand and using it to click send on an email to update the Calgary Fringe website with details of his new show.

His show will be magically hilarious.

"Without spoiling too much, you're not going to see a magic show with a magician who's taking himself too seriously," he said.

Jordan's one-hour vaudeville show includes a lot of magic — much like his idol Steve Martin used to do — but it isn't exactly a kids' show — again, much like his idol Steve Martin.

"The show is so much better when I have a few children in the audience that I can poke fun at and bring on stage — I present them with these magic puzzles don't make any sense," he said.

However, the best shows have mostly adults, with a few kids, in the audiences.

He said magic is the perfect form of comedy. It's made to lead audiences and astonish, so when it takes a left turn, people's natural reaction is to laugh. If a trick screws up, who's to say whether it's a genuine mistake or part of the show?

> **You're not going to see a magic show with a magician who's taking himself too seriously.**
> James Jordan

In addition to the his show, Jordan is taking his vaudevillian talents outdoors by helping put together Calgary Fringe Festival's first outdoor show.

"We're testing it out," he said. "We're bringing in food trucks, artisan vendors and we're opening up a stage for local buskers to sign up, sing songs, do juggling or whatever they want to do."

The outdoor festival runs on July 29 and Aug. 6, while Jordan's show starts on July 29 at the Lantern Church Sanctuary.

For more information, visit calgaryfringe.ca.

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Const. Jarrett Harbidge and Const. Josh Gross give Stampede-goers directions at the event grounds on Saturday night as part of the Calgary Police Service's presence on site throughout the Calgary Stampede. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Event beat a break from daily grind

SECURITY

Police officers happy to walk through front gates every day

Stephanie Joe
For Metro | Calgary

It's a break from their typical daily routine, and Calgary Police Service officers often go out of their way to volunteer for Stampede.

About 90 police walk through the Stampede gates daily, and they're happy to do it.

With the Stampede grounds split up into six zones, there are normally four police per zone at any one time with increased security in the bar areas.

Sgt. Timothy Fitzgibbon volunteered to work Stampede and he said it's a great place to be.

"You have usually a million or more people come down here through the course of the week and everybody for the most part is down here to have fun," he said.

Fitzgibbon says that they still deal with a full range of calls for service.

"Throughout the daytime, Stampede attendance give or take is usually 100,000 people and when you're dealing with that many people in a period of time you inevitably embark on all sorts of things."

Fitzgibbon's favourite part about Stampede is the positive interaction he experiences on the grounds.

"It's amazing to see how many people will come through the doors and have as much fun as they're going to have."

Const. Jarrett Harbidge has been with CPS for six years, and this is his first Stampede working regular duties.

"Regular duties (here) is a bit more exciting — there's a bit more people interaction, which we all love to do," he said.

Though they have policing duties to fulfil, it's a huge difference than a typical police shift outside the grounds.

"A normal day here is you walk around, give people high fives, give police helper badges to kids and answer simple questions," said Harbidge.

"Regular duties (outside of Stampede) — you're responding to people's worst day. It's way more relaxing and a good social experience."

> **"A normal day here is you walk around, give people high fives, give police helper badges to kids and answer simple questions.**
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Max, 8, Elizabeth, 10, and Caterina, 11, plate their chili before it goes before the judges during the Kids Day Chili Cook Off. Their team, the Pembrooke Pandas, won the competition and their secret ingredient was chocolate chips. STEPHANIE JOE/FOR METRO

Boys and Girls Club cooks off

FOOD

Three teams of kids stir up their best chili for the judges

Stephanie Joe
For Metro | Calgary

Kids kicked off a cooking competition for Kid's Day at the Calgary Co-op Theatre and they're whipping up more than chili in the kitchen.

The 9th annual Kids Chili Cook-Off took place in the BMO Centre on July 13 — Kid's Day at the Calgary Stampede. Three teams of eight kids from the Calgary Boys and Girls Club competed to see who could wow the judges with their unique chili.

The teams — Penbrooke Pandas, Pineridge Piranhas and Hanga Cookas — each included a secret ingredient in their chili that the judges had to guess.

Sarah Kemmers, manager of community initiatives with the Calgary Boys and Girls Club, said that the program has taught the kids real life skills and confidence in and outside of the kitchen.

"We like to see our kids developing skills that they're going to take with them for a lifetime," said Kemmers, adding that the kids prepare for the competition about a month in advance.

The teams start out with a basic chili recipe they find in a book or online and modify it until the chili becomes their own.

"We encourage creativity and experimentation with this program in particular," said Kemmers.

Big plans are in the works for the 10th annual cook-off and Kemmers is playing around with the idea of making a recipe book.

"Maybe for the 10th (we should) have a chili cook book from the top winning recipes from the last few years, because I've seriously had the best chilis of my life from the cook-offs," she said.

The Penbrooke Pandas won the competition and their secret ingredient was semi-sweet chocolate chips. Other secret ingredients include mango and brown sugar.

> **I've seriously had the best chilis of my life from the cook offs.**
> Sarah Kemmers

The trio was happy to win and Caterina, 11, from the winning team said that she's been cooking since she was 5.

"I felt like we earned it, because we tried really hard," she said.

The judges include Julie van Rosendaal — a Calgary based food writer, Sue Henry and Carol Henke from the Calgary Fire Department.

THURSDAY'S STAMPEDE EVENTS

It's the 7th day of Stampede and there's still lots to see.

- Check out the Saddledome for Zac Brown Band playing at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at ticketmaster.ca.
- Mother Mother will be performing on the Coca Cola stage at 9 p.m.
- You can find the Kentucky Headhunters at Nashville North at 10 p.m.
- Check out the Stampede Talent Search feature performers at the Saddledome steps at 12:45, 3 and 4:45 p.m.
- Find the brand new Corona Zone located at the south end of the park. Opens at 11 a.m. and no minors allowed.
- The Working Cow Horse Classic runs from 1 to 5 p.m. Find them at the Agrium Western Events Centre.
- Want an interactive look at the beef and cattle industry? Watch for the UFA Cattle trail located in the Agrium Western Event Centre — Altalink Hall, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- More traditional games are happening in the Indian Village at 1 p.m. Feel free to participate or just watch the events unfold.
- Watch gold medallist drivers defy gravity at the Bell Adrenaline Ranch Ramp Up. Find them at the Stampede Corral at 12:30, 2:15, 4, 5:45 and 7:30 p.m.

Zac Brown Band plays tonight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STEPHANIE JOE/FOR METRO

Escape from the midway

ATTRACTIONS

Locked room phenomenon arrives for the first time

Candice Ward
For Metro | Calgary

Ten minutes seems a lot longer until you're trying to find out who framed you and what they stole in order to get out of The Locked Room — tick, tock.

The pared-down version of The Locked Room phenomenon is available for anyone and everyone at the Stampede who thinks they have what it takes to get out of the Wild West scenario — and only about 40 per cent actually do, according to construction manager Cody Delarue.

But you don't have to break out of the room to enjoy being in the room, he adds.

$10

The Locked Room is located in the Stampede Market and costs $10/person.

"People really enjoy this interactive experience because you're not just sitting around and watching a midway game or shooting balloons; this is a family-friendly game that lets you be a part of the experience."

The first-time Stampede attraction is a hit with guests.

"People love coming in with their friends and family and just having a fun, interactive experience that puts them in the driver seat," he said.

"We've had a group finish in just three and a half minutes, which is crazy."

And for the record, this reporter and photographer didn't finish it in time — but we were close. Almost.

> **This is a family-friendly game that lets you be a part of the experience.** Cody Delarue

Metro Stampede freelance reporter Krista Sylvester tries to bust out of the Locked Room in the BMO Centre. This is a new attraction to the Calgary Stampede this year. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

TALENT SHOW

Field of 67 contestants cut to 24

From magic shows and dancers to bands and cheerleading, Canadian talent that hit the stage in preliminary competition of the Stampede Talent Search was outstanding. Senior contestants and showcased junior performers entertained a full theatre of 500 audience members each of the past five nights in the Boyce Theatre.

Out of a field of 67 contestants, the top 24 performers, as scored by a panel of professional judges, will move on to the next round of the competition.

These 24 young performers, ages 13 to 21, will aim for their personal best during the semi-final competition on Thursday, July 14 and Friday, July 15.

The top 12 will compete for the title of Stampede Talent Search Champion and the $10,000 cash grand prize to be awarded during the finals on Saturday, July 16.

All shows are at 6:30 p.m. in the Boyce Theatre on Stampede Park and free with admission. METRO

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WILDLIFE

Smelly bugs invade Manitoba town

Mounds of ankle-deep fish flies are piling up in the Manitoba town of Gimli, where town workers are scooping them with shovels and filling dozens of garbage bags at a time.

Park patrol supervisor Gibby Finnbogason says the town on the shore of Lake Winnipeg is used to the regular mid-July visit from the fish flies - but this year is different.

He says easterly winds have carried the insects into the town in droves, covering sidewalks and the boardwalk by the beach.

"Traditionally, you will see them in mounds on the ground but we're not used to seeing them in quite the large amounts that we're seeing them right now," he says.

"On Monday morning, we bagged 42 (garbage) bags of fish flies and that was just the high areas on the boardwalk on the beach."

He says the flies only live for 24 hours and give off an "atrocious" smell once they die.

"It smells like a rotting carcass of a fish," Finnbogason says. "Especially when they are wet, it's even worse."

They look similar to a dragonfly, except without a mouth, and cling to any surface they can find — from windows and cars to people's clothing.

"When I'm done my shift, I'll have anywhere from five to 50 of them attached to my body. They're all over the place."

> **It smells like a rotting carcass of a fish.**
> Gibby Finnbogason

They are virtually impossible to avoid when walking down the street, crunching underfoot.

"They make quite an awful sound," he says. "You can just hear the crunching of the carcasses under your feet as you walk and you get the smell along with that. It's quite the experience."

With both the town's annual film festival and Icelandic festival looming, Finnbogason says hopes are high the flies will disappear soon.

"People will be happy that fish flies will be just a bad memory by the time those events come to Gimli."

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Dead fish flies are piling up in the Manitoba town of Gimli.
GIBBY FINNBOGASON/GIMLI RURAL MUNICIPALITY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Dump Trump ties will be available starting Aug. 10. ANDRES PLANA/METRO

'Dump Trump' ties let you go 'undercover'

ENTREPRENEUR

Retailer creates ties to say what you really think of The Donald

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

If you're a discreet Bay Street businessman who secretly despises a certain outspoken, orange-haired U.S. presidential candidate, Andre Vassi has the tie for you.

The owner of Toronto retail store Vassi Menswear has designed a tie with a colourful pattern of dump trucks emblazoned on the front and "Dump Trump" written on the back. Vassi called the tie "undercover."

"You might buy a tie and not necessarily show it at work but after work if you're going to a bar or a lounge or something, you might want to have what you believe out and advertise it," he said.

The $100 silk ties are handmade in Italy and come in three different colours: 'Great Again' grey blue, 'Gonna Be Huge' basic blue and 'Believe Me' baby blue.

Vassi said he was inspired to create a tie for The Donald, after getting requests from customers.

"You can't sit on the sidelines and not have an opinion about Donald Trump," he said, adding no one has asked for a Hillary Clinton tie or an "I love Trump" tie yet. "I'm open to see it but I am skeptical," he said.

All proceeds from the "Dump Trump" tie will go to Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

As for his own political ties, Vassi had no comment.

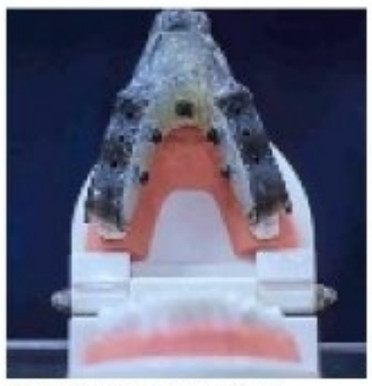
"Personally, I don't want to say what I feel about Trump. I think my actions speak louder," he said.

IN BRIEF

Hep C drug gets approved
Health Canada has approved a drug being touted as a cure for hepatitis C, a disease believed to have infected hundreds of thousands of Canadians, many of whom are unaware they harbour the virus. The drug, sold under the brand name Epclusa, is a once-daily pill taken for 12 weeks that can rid the body of all six strains of hepatitis C, a blood-borne virus that can lead to severe liver damage and liver cancer if left untreated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TECHNOLOGY

Teen invents tongue-controlled mouse for physically disabled



The Tongue-Interface-Communication (TiC), a tongue controlled computer mouse, created by Emma Mogus, 17. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An Ontario teen is earning high praise for designing a device to help people with severe physical disabilities navigate computers easily and affordably — with their tongue.

Emma Mogus's invention, the Tongue-Interface-Communication project (TiC), consists of a sports mouthguard equipped with five buttons that can be pressed with the tongue.

The mouthguard is connected by ethernet cable to a circuit board which, in turn, plugs into a computer with a USB cord.

With some computer programming, the TiC can be used like a regular mouse, directing the cursor up, down, left or right and click on icons.

Using her fingers to activate the switches, Mogus typed search terms into Google by using TiC to select letters from an onscreen keyboard at a demonstration on Wednesday.

Mogus, 17, says it's a simple and cheap product that will help people with ALS, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries and other disabilities use computers and access the Internet.

The recent graduate of White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville, Ont., said TiC was inspired by a friend who has ALS.

"I was just looking at the sort of assistive technology that's already on the market to help people like my friend Tim, and what I was noticing is that the majority of these devices are highly expensive and quite invasive," Mogus said.

She also found that the existing technologies, which rely on eye motion or changes in breathing frequency, can be susceptible to incidental movements.

Her research also led her to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which calls for the development of affordable assistive technology.

"I really want to get (TiC) into the hands of those who need it, in less fortunate areas," she said.

With that in mind, said Mogus, TiCs could be mass-produced for $10 apiece.

The device uses regular ethernet and USB cables, and Mogus said its circuit board cost $3.

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U.S. ELECTION

Trump vetting VP choices

Republican Donald Trump has entered the final phase of his high-profile search for a running mate, arranging last-minute meetings with his finalists and family members as his staff prepares for a Friday announcement.

Trump, his adult children and key staffers huddled with one of the prospects, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, Wednesday morning at the governor's mansion, a day after the pair campaigned together in the state. They were joined by Trump's three adult children, along with his son-and-law and campaign chair Paul Manafort, who were seen leaving the residence. Hours later, Newt Gingrich, another finalist, was spotted with Trump's entourage at a downtown Indianapolis hotel. Sen. Jeff Sessions was spotted arriving at the same hotel not long after Gingrich left.

The meetings have been designed to let Trump's family get to know the candidates better before the presumptive nominee formalizes his decision.

Pence, Chris Christie and Gingrich were said to be the final contenders for a vice-presidential candidate less than a week before the GOP meets in Cleveland for the formal nomination, according to a person familiar with Trump's thinking, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Trump said in a Tuesday interview with The Wall Street Journal that Sessions, Trump's top Senate advocate, is also still in the mix.

Pence is a steady, staunch conservative who would help calm nervous Republican wary of Trump's impulsive style. Gingrich is a boisterous rabble-rouser who has spent decades in Washington, including as House speaker. Christie, a one-time rival, has become one of Trump's most trusted advisers.

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A cabinet made for Brexit

POLITICS

'Leave' supporters net top spots in new government

Theresa May entered No. 10 Downing St., on Wednesday as Britain's new prime minister, following a bittersweet exit by David Cameron that was tinged with humour and regret.

"I was the future once," Cameron quipped as he left office. But that future now belongs to May, and it involves instability, uncertainty and tough wrangling over Britain's departure from the European Union.

Britain's transition of power unfolded with startling speed since the June 23 referendum on EU membership. Cameron announced his resignation after voters rejected his appeal to stay in the 28-nation bloc, and May, the former home secretary, became Conservative Party leader Monday after an abbreviated contest in which her only remaining rival dropped out.

Then came Wednesday's ceremonial choreography: Two trips to Buckingham Palace and two audiences with Queen Elizabeth II that ended with one prime minister out of a job and a new one curtseying to the monarch to begin her term.

May stood in front of the iconic door of No. 10 with her husband, Philip, as the 13th prime minister of the queen's reign and the first woman to hold the job since fellow Conservative Margaret Thatcher served from 1979 to 1990.

She acknowledged that Britain faces a rocky road ahead as it undoes 43 years of EU ties and forges a new relationship with its neighbours.

"Following the referendum, we face a time of great national change," May said. "And I know because we're Great Britain we will rise to the challenge.

"As we leave the European Union we will forge a bold new positive role for ourselves in the world and we will make Britain a country that works not for a privileged few, but for every one of us," she said.

"When it comes to opportunity we won't entrench the advantages of the fortunate few. We will do everything we can to help anybody, whatever your background, to go as far as your talents will take you," May said, in language more often used by left-of-centre politicians, rather than by members of the centre-right Conservative Party.

May began appointing her new Cabinet within an hour of taking office, and several posts went to "leave" supporters.

The most notable was former London Mayor Boris Johnson, who was given the meaty job of foreign secretary, Britain's top diplomatic post.

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Boris Johnson is Britain's new foreign secretary, one of the biggest jobs in government. Johnson was one of the leaders of the campaign to leave the EU. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

David Davis, a euroskeptic, has been appointed to the newly created post of secretary of state for exiting the EU. GETTY IMAGES

Liam Fox is the minister for international trade. Fox was a strong backer of the "leave" side in the referendum campaign. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

1 **Former Prime Minister David Cameron** speaks with the press before leaving 10 Downing Street to visit Queen Elizabeth II to tender his resignation. 2 **The new leader of the Conservative Party Theresa May** kneels as she is greeted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace where the Queen invited May to become Prime Minister and form a new government. 3 **May and husband Philip May** wave to a crowd outside 10 Downing Street. PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

DALLAS

Thousands gather to mourn slain officers

Heidi Smith, centre, and daughters, Victoria and Caroline during the funeral for husband Michael Smith.

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Nearly a week after five officers were killed by a gunman in Dallas, memorial services for three of them drew thousands of mourners Wednesday.

Services were held for Dallas Area Rapid Transit officer Brent Thompson, Dallas police Sgt. Michael Smith and Dallas police Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens — all three slain in downtown Dallas Thursday by a sniper during a march to protest recent fatal shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana by police. The two other services are scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

The service for Thompson, 43, drew hundreds of law enforcement officers in crisp formal uniforms to The Potter's House, the Dallas megachurch headed by celebrity Bishop T.D. Jakes.

Thompson's wife Emily, a fellow DART officer whom he had recently married, told the audience that the shooter, Micah Johnson, was a coward.

Johnson, 25, was killed when authorities used a robot to detonate an explosive as negotiations faltered. Nine officers and two civilians were injured in the attack.

A funeral service for Thompson was scheduled for later Wednesday in Corsicana, south of Dallas. He is the first DART officer killed in the line of duty since the agency's police force was founded in 1989.

Also Wednesday, a few hundred mourners gathered for a Catholic funeral service in the suburb of Farmers Branch for Smith, a former U.S. Army Ranger known for his upbeat attitude and compassionate approach to others.

Smith joined the Dallas police force in 1989. He once received a "Cops' Cop" award from the Dallas Police Association.

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BATON ROUGE

Civil rights groups sue police over protests

Civil rights groups and activists sued Baton Rouge law enforcement agencies over their treatment of protesters rallying against the police shooting death of a black man, saying officers used excessive force and physically and verbally abused peaceful demonstrators.

The lawsuit, announced Wednesday by the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana, came hours after Cameron Sterling, the 15-year-old son of the slain man spoke publicly for the first time, calling for peaceful protests following the death of his father, 37-year-old Alton Sterling.

Sterling was shot to death July 5 as two white officers pinned him to the pavement outside a convenience store. The killing sparked widespread demonstrations.

Authorities arrested about 200 protesters over three-days, often taking to the streets in riot gear. The arrests came amid tensions after Sterling's death, a deadly police shooting in Minnesota and the killings of five police officers in Dallas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many not saving to retire

SURVEY

Some say they will sell home to pay for life after work

A report by HSBC suggests that nearly half of working-age Canadians are not saving for retirement.

The big international bank says 48 per cent of pre-retirees in the country say they have not started or are not currently saving for their life after work.

The poll was part of a global retirement report by HSBC.

The survey also found that one in five working-age Canadians say that money from downsizing or selling their home or a secondary property will help pay for retirement.

That was nearly twice the global average of 12 per cent and more than the five per cent of current Canadian retirees.

The poll also found that Canadian retirees were among the "happiest," with 72 per cent reporting they feel happy in retirement — second only to retirees in Mexico at 80 per cent.

A global retirement survey by HSBC found that 48 per cent of Canadians have not started or are not currently saving for retirement. ISTOCK

"While Canadian retirees rank as some of the happiest in the world, almost half of working-age people in Canada are not currently saving for retirement," said Betty Miao, executive vice-president and head of retail banking and wealth management at HSBC Bank Canada.

"While a change of lifestyle or move to retirement living may be a great thing come retirement, it's worth noting the wisdom shared by many of today's retirees: start saving earlier, take good care of yourself and your health, and don't hesitate to get advice from trusted professionals."

The survey also found that 53 per cent of Canadian retirees say a government pension is helping pay for retirement, while 35 per cent of those still working say that's likely to be the case for them.

> **Canadian retirees rank as some of the happiest in the world.**
> Betty Miao

The federal government and all the provinces, except Quebec, recently reached an agreement in principle to help strengthen the Canada Pension Plan. The deal, which is still being finalized, would see CPP premium increases for workers and employers, but also see Canadians receive more in retirement.

The HSBC report included the views of 18,207 working age people and retirees across 17 countries and territories around the world, including 1,037 in Canada.

The research was conducted online by IpsosMORI in September and October 2015, with additional face-to-face interviews in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates.

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BANK OF CANADA

Fires put economy in reverse

The Bank of Canada is cutting its outlook for the year, saying the extensive damage from the Alberta wildfires helped fuel an economic contraction in the second quarter.

The bank released its forecast Wednesday as it announced it was leaving the interest rate at the rock-bottom level of 0.5 per cent.

The bank for the first time said the U.K.'s referendum to exit the EU, also known as Brexit, will reduce Canada's GDP by 0.1 per cent by the end of 2018.

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atoMc power

McDonald's atoMc Hockey program connects kids and communities

For two-time Stanley Cup champion Drew Doughty, organized sports made him the man he is today. "When I was growing up, I loved playing different sports, especially soccer," says the Los Angeles Kings' All-Star defenceman. "I still enjoy them today and I believe it made me a better hockey player as well."

Study after study shows that organized sports help children build relationships and confidence while improving their academic performance. But as kids get older, it can get harder to keep them away from their screens and engaged in team activities.

McDonald's atoMc Hockey is a community program that keeps kids in the game. The only minor-hockey initiative endorsed by Hockey Canada, the program supports Atom hockey teams throughout the country (excluding Quebec, which runs Équipe McDo), providing game jerseys and socks to participating teams and connecting them with local sponsors in their community. The jerseys have the same Hockey Canada logo worn by Team Canada — a thrill for any budding hockey player.

Two-time Stanley Cup champion Drew Doughty is an atoMc Hockey ambassador. PATRICIA SKALICKY

Each team kit includes a golden jersey that is awarded for exceptional teamwork and in celebration of small but important achievements. A first goal and a great save are acknowledged with the same importance as an assist or supportive cheer from the bench.

To assist in stressing the importance of teamwork, McDonald's connects kids with superstar mentors like Doughty and Canadian Olympic gold medallists Marc-André Fleury and Tessa Bonhomme. These ambassadors travel the country every summer, meeting with atoMc Hockey players to talk about teamwork, play a little ball hockey and enjoy a team meal at the local McDonald's sponsor restaurant.

From his own experience, Doughty knows how important family is in encouraging kids to achieve, which is why he takes time to thank the parents who support their kids' hockey dreams, and he stresses how sport can make a big difference in children's lives, both physically and mentally. "I really enjoy talking to kids about the value of being a great teammate, both on and off the ice," he says.

More than 50,000 kids across Canada participated in atoMc Hockey in the 2015-2016 hockey season. And Doughty is proud of this expansive family. "McDonald's atoMc Hockey program has been a lot of fun to be a part of," he says. For the kids who Doughty and the program's other star ambassadors have encouraged to keep playing, the fun is just beginning.

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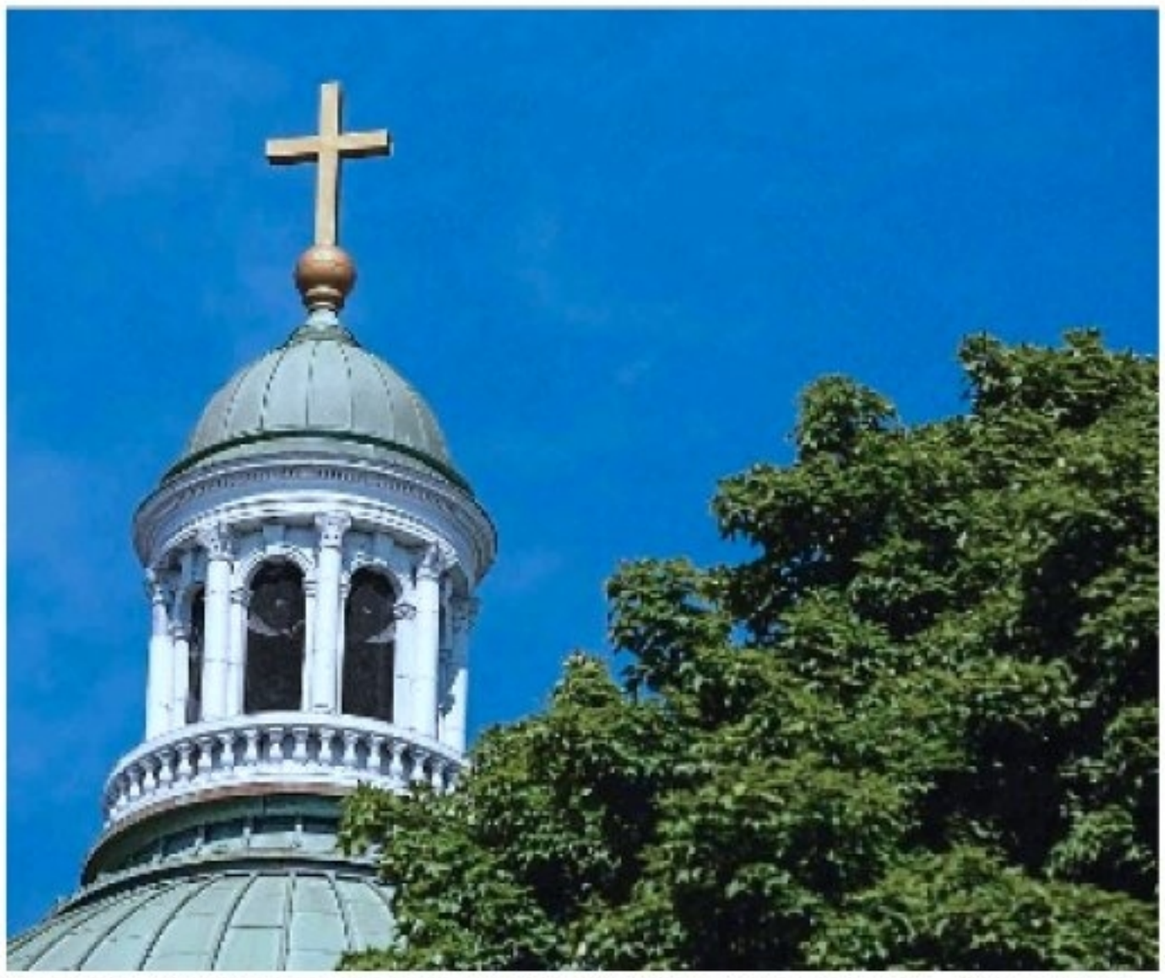
ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON ANGLICANS' 'STUNNING REVERSAL'

You probably can't find a starker issue than same-sex marriage where organized religions lag behind millennial beliefs. And the organized religions have noticed.



St. George's Cathedral in Kingston, Ont. On Tuesday The General Synod — the Anglican church's legislative body — passed an endorsement of same-sex marriage. The margin was a single vote. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

My hair stylist — a ball of politically woke sweetness in her 30s with ever-changing locks — does not go to church.

When she drops off her grandmother some Sunday mornings, she imagines the elder folks inside that stone Ukrainian Orthodox behemoth bemoaning the lack of young ones.

"I feel bad," she told me, between scissored snips. "But, you know, you didn't upgrade! You didn't upgrade your software." She frowns and pinches her face, and shrugs.

Undeniably, younger Canadians seem irreparably incompatible with organized religions. But the question is whether it has to be this way, or do faiths actually stand a chance? If they "upgrade" — or modernize — would the young ones feel swayed?

The Anglican Church of Canada, it should be said, is trying.

In a dramatic twist of events (a phrase uncommonly applied to church synods) Anglican leaders and lay people first voted to reject same-sex marriage on Monday. But on Tuesday, an error led to a recount, and by just a single vote of one clergy member, same-sex marriage passed.

A "stunning reversal" read the headlines. "There's hope now," Ottawa Bishop John Chapman told me. He meant about those young folks. Or really, even Gen Y.

One Anglican bishop called the vote 'the enactment of what the Christian message and Jesus is all about.'

Same-sex marriage has the support of 75 per cent of Canadians 18-34 and 78 per cent of those aged 35-44, according to a 2015 Forum Research poll. You probably can't find a starker issue where organized religions lag behind millennial beliefs, and they've noticed. In 2011, 69 per cent of U.S. millennials said, "Religious groups are alienating young people by being too judgmental about gay and lesbian issues," according to the research non-profit PRRI.

"Many people would agree with you," noted Bishop Melissa Skelton of New Westminster, B.C., but both she and Chapman stressed the vote was by no means a recruiting measure. "The spirit of the gospel is being more lived out this way," Chapman said: a "radical hospitality" that sees all as equal, and takes all as they are. Skelton called it "the enactment of what the Christian message and Jesus is all about."

The vote comes 40 years after women were first made Anglican priests, and after decades of LGBTQ advocacy.

"(Younger people) need to see the church is not their parents church anymore," Chapman said. "It's a place that changes, evolves, addressed the context in which we're living."

But religious change still chugs slowly. It will take another three years for the vote to be fully integrated into canon law, even while some, like Chapman, won't wait to perform same-sex marriages. He noted mounting pressure, "a movement afoot," for the full realization of LGBTQ rights across society. And indeed, same-sex marriage seems destined for religious approval, given the demographic changes afoot that will demand far more progressive stances than many faiths have been so far willing to take.

It's upgrade, or obsolescence. And in that ultimatum, perhaps Anglicans stand a chance.

Rosemary Westwood is Metro Canada's national columnist

We need to know why the Remi Pereiras of the world do what they do

Matt LaForge
Metro

Remigio Pereira's little ad lib routine at the MLB All Star game was a horrible moment.

By inserting "All lives matter" into O Canada, he endorsed a pernicious form of racism, and he did it on a huge stage, in the name of all Canadians.

None of this is a matter of much serious debate. We all needed to disparage, loudly, what Pereira did. And we've done so. But we also owe it to ourselves to understand why he did what he did. We could dismiss him as an inconsequential, unrepresentative boob (he's a flat-Earther, as you might have heard) but we'd be doing so at our peril.

On Wednesday, Pereira gave his side of the story via a post on Twitter and Instagram: "I've been so moved lately by the tragic loss of life and I hoped for a positive statement that would bring us ALL together. ONE LOVE. That was my singular motivation when I said all lives matter."

All I wanted to do, says Remi, was promote peace and unity. Is it crazy of me to say I believe him? Well, I do. But that is not a pardon. He was wrong. Deeply wrong. That he didn't know he was wrong isn't an excuse we as a would-be caring society should be interested in accepting.

Fact: "All lives matter," as a set phrase or meme, owes its existence to a desire to refute "Black lives matter," a morally unassailable proposition. "ALM" is therefore a morally offensive utterance. All this is dead easy to establish, and many already have. (Maybe you saw the Reddit post that made the point with game-set-match finality: "Imagine that you're sitting down to dinner with your family, and while everyone else gets a serving of the meal, you don't get any. So you say 'I should get my fair share.' ...Your dad corrects you, saying, "Everyone should get their fair share.")

The upshot is that anyone who wants to engage with contemporary political discourse inherits an obligation to be up to speed. Picture a candidate wearing an "I'm for segregation" campaign button in 2016. Would anyone believe him if he said that the button referred only to, say, a policy of quarantining Zika patients? Maybe. But would anyone who did believe him let him off the hook for the obvious connotations? Of course not.

There's no practical difference, as far the fight for racial justice is concerned, between obliviousness and malice. Remi Pereira's view of himself as the most peaceful and loving man ever to sing pop opera is of exactly zero social value. What he thinks of himself doesn't matter to anyone who isn't him, and the fact that he would hold out what he thinks of himself as justification for what he actually did teaches us an important lesson about what progress requires.

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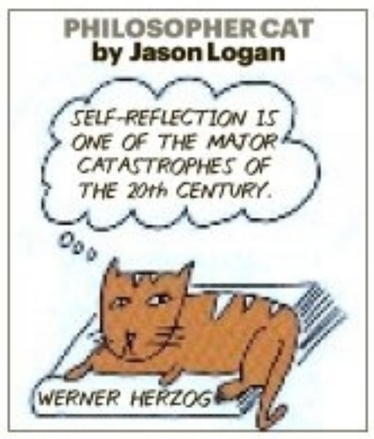

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Is rock 'n' roll dead?

OPINION

The genre is in decline, but that just leaves room for a revolution

Barry Walsh
For Metro Canada

In a recent interview for SiriusXM, Flea, the mononymous and often shirtless bassist for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, lamented the current state of rock music calling it "a dead form in a lot of ways."

Two years ago, it was Gene Simmons of Kiss who sounded the death knell for rock 'n' roll, telling his son Nick in an interview for Esquire that file sharing and illegal downloading helped drive the nail in the coffin. "Rock did not die of old age," he opined. "It was murdered."

But as a musician who writes and performs what would fall under the "rock" category, I'm writing to say that while they're right in some respects, this is not necessarily a bad thing.

Let's cast our minds back to what could arguably be called the last golden hurrah for that vital, raw, sometimes reckless music we call rock 'n' roll — the early 2000s. Back then, bands such as The Strokes and The White Stripes were gracing magazine covers everywhere and packing venues.

But even at the height of their popularity, the one thing that proved challenging for both bands, at least in comparison to top hip hop or R&B acts of the day, or the nu-metal and radio-friendly modern rock acts they were up against, was selling boatloads of records. The Strokes' 2001 debut, Is This It, took a couple of years to sell two million copies globally. Compare that to a band that was all over modern rock radio (but significantly less magazine covers) in 2001 — Lifehouse — whose No Name Face album from 2000 sold four million copies, and who have sold 15 million albums to date worldwide.

Bands that would emerge post-Strokes such as Jet or The Killers would outpace them commercially. But it was the gritty, mildly dangerous allure of the Strokes-'n'-Stripes that gave them greater cultural heft than most of the modern rock acts coasting through the charts in the wake of grunge. In their thrift store fashions and sweaty, boozy bravado, we caught a whiff of the unpredictable, incandescent spirit of Kurt Cobain and his contemporaries.

To give Gene Simmons his due, the first year or two of this decade marked the last gasp before file sharing became ubiquitous, and before streaming relegated the concept of an album to near-antiquity. The former has had an undeniably grim impact on the recording industry, making major labels decidedly more risk-averse when it comes to signing new acts. The latter, while offering a fantastic world of choice, is nurturing a generation of "genre agnostic" listeners who no longer identify as fans of one particular style of music over another. In terms Grandpa Simpson might understand, we aren't talking about "mods vs. rockers" anymore.

So rock 'n' roll isn't the cash cow it was in the good ol' days when every band had its own private jet. And maybe its cultural significance has taken a back seat to Beyoncé as of late. But as you read this, in any number of cities around the world, a club is full of sweat-soaked fans jostling for position as a gang armed with guitars provides the soundtrack for an evening's abandon. And if you make a bit of effort, you can stumble via streaming upon a new artist to give you that giddy sensation from the halcyon days of 2001.

As we saw when punk put a boot to the ass of mainstream rock, which had grown bloated and listless by the mid-'70s, the genre is always at its most innovative, explosive and exciting when it's an outlier. That's its status now. For that, any rock 'n' roll fan should be grateful, and be listening for the next momentary revolutionary lying in wait.

LISTEN TO THIS

Nap Eyes – Halifax, NS/Montreal, PQ
While The Strokes may have found notoriety by channeling The Velvet Underground's ramshackle rock side, Nap Eyes, led by biochemist-by-day Nigel Chapman, call to mind the iconic New York band's more esoteric leanings. The first time I heard their debut single Dark Creedence, I had to replay it five or six times.
Start with: Dark Creedence

Savages – London, U.K.
For those who prefer their rock 'n' roll with a post-punk edge, listen no further than Savages. Fronted by lead singer Jehnny Beth, seen at right, the band has endured its share of lazy comparisons — mostly to such acts as Siouxsie and the Banshees and Joy Division — but Savages are armed with a 21st-century take on agit-rock.
Start with: Shut Up

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No 'woe-is-me' confessions here

ESSAYS

Head writer for Inside Amy Schumer wasn't out to tell jokes

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When Amy Schumer accepted the Emmy last September for her hilariously raunchy comedy series Inside Amy Schumer, she profusely thanked her head writer and executive producer Jessi Klein for helping make her "dream show."

It should have been a fantasy night for Klein, walking the red carpet and winning one of Hollywood's most coveted statues. But as she recalls in her new book of personal essays, You'll Grow Out of It, the new mom found herself alone in a basement dressing room at the Nokia Theater after the show, shoved into Spanx while pumping her breast milk.

She remembers questioning her future — feeling not so much like a winner, but a "footnote to others' success."

While many would have killed to be in Klein's Manolo Blahniks that night, there's nothing woe-is-me about her confession or her lifelong struggles with self-confidence.

You'll Grow Out of It hits on many familiar emotions, as Klein shares stories of broken relationships, failed career aspirations and physical insecurities. Although she didn't set out to "tell jokes," Klein can't help but bring on the laughs: she is, after all, also a stand-up comedian and a former writer for Saturday Night Live.

"I really wanted to stretch into territory that wasn't funny, but real. And hopefully by being honest and real and specific, be relatable to other people. I was thinking more of how to transcribe my voice like when I am just talking," says Klein.

"Ironically, I think the stuff about trying to become a comedy writer is less funny and more serious about overcoming fear and learning how to follow your instincts."

Klein should be considered a top runner to fill the void left behind by the late essayist Nora Ephron, whose conversational writing style also revealed the particular absurdities of being a contemporary woman.

As a self-described tomboy turned "tom man" ("nobody likes a tom man"), Klein writes about femininity with an outsider's eye.

She observes that women are divided into poodles (Angelina Jolie) and wolves (Sandra Bullock), depending on a checklist of so-called feminine traits (poodles always wear matching bras and underwear, while wolves own two bras, and neither match their "tattered old Gap underwear.")

She also confesses an enduring love for Anthropologie and The Bachelor and dislike for a culture that suggests the bathtub is the only place a woman is allowed to find peace.

While Klein reveals her specific experiences as a woman, and certainly Inside Amy Schumer is touted as a feminist breakthrough, she says the book was not intended to be political. "I am very much a proud feminist, but I wouldn't say that was the word in my head as I was writing," she says.

You'll Grow Out of It took her three years to complete, during which time Klein became pregnant, and found herself waking up at 4 a.m. to sneak in time to write — a process she recalls as being physically and mentally draining. Klein openly discusses the invasive tests and procedures she went through in trying to have her baby, and makes a pretty compelling case for getting an epidural.

"I wanted to write about it in a variety of tones because some of it is so ridiculous that if you don't laugh you'll cry," she says. "But some of it is uncomfortable and horrendous that you do just cry. I wanted to share that stuff as well."

Amy Schumer and Jessi Klein, photo-bombed by comedian Bridget Everett, attend the premiere party for the third season of Inside Amy Schumer in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

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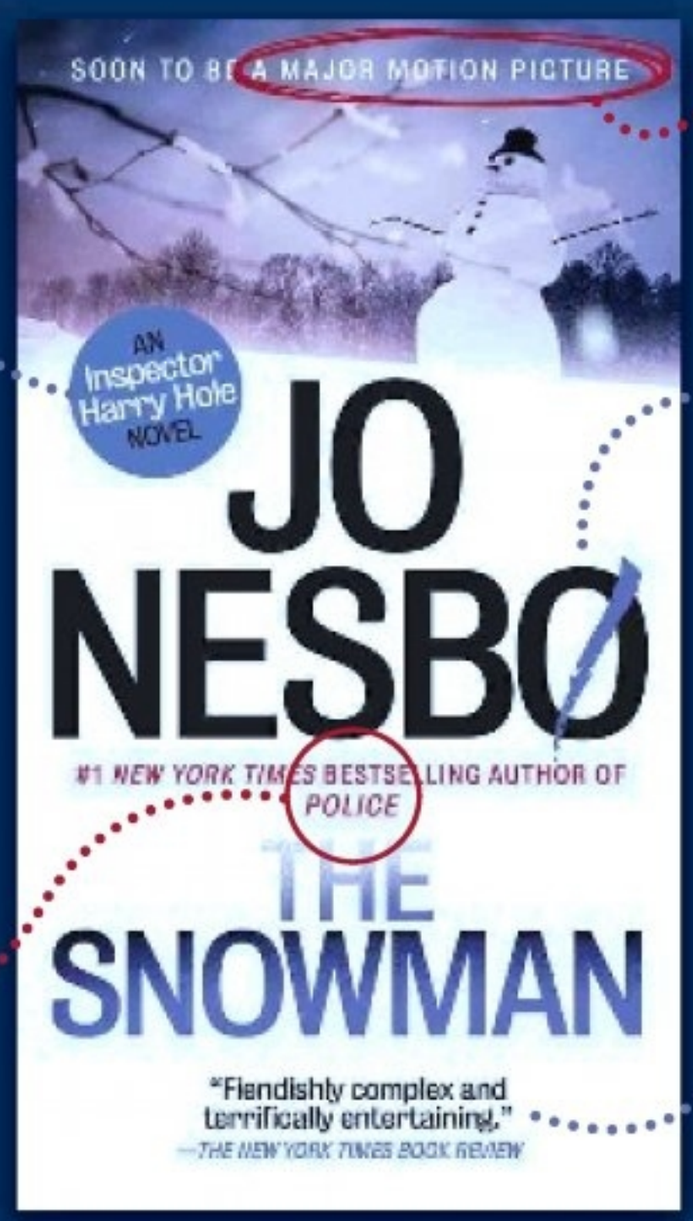

The Snowman

Michael Fassbender will play Harry in the upcoming movie adaptation, also starring Rebecca Ferguson and Charlotte Gainsbourg.

How do you pronounce Jo's name?

Like "you." Yes, really. And Jo says that the "o" in Nesbo sounds like the "o" in Inspector Clouseau's pronunciation of "bomb." But you can call him Joe.

Who else is wild about Harry?

Besides the *New York Times,* there's CNN, Michael Connelly, James Ellroy, and Patti Smith, to name a few. But Linwood Barclay says it best:

"Many authors know how to make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. Jo Nesbø's one of the few who keeps them there."

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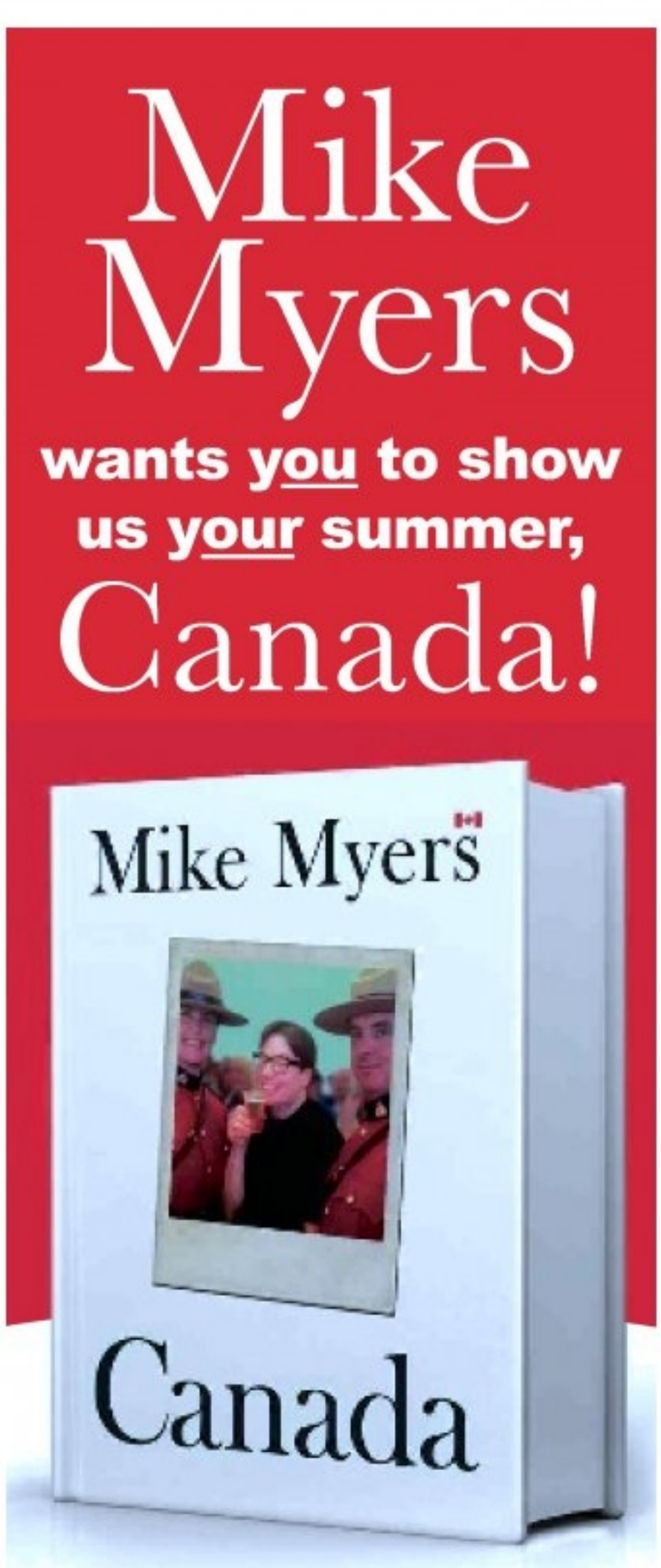

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Rowing the Vikings out of the fog of history

NON-FICTION

Author aims to replace myth with truth

The Vikings have a mythic place in our culture. We think of them as swashbucklers who roamed the seas looking for treasure; violent vagabonds who never settled in one place too long. Anders Winroth, a professor of history at Yale University, studies the Vikings, their poetry, sagas, their way of life, and he argues they are different than we perceive. I talked to him from Stockholm — where he is summering — about his book, The Age of the Vikings.

The Vikings have experienced renewed interest in popular culture, thanks in part to the History TV show, Vikings. HANDOUT

You noted that the composer Wagner borrowed from Viking myth to create his Ring Cycle. When I was reading your section on Viking rings I thought of J.R.R. Tolkien who did study Nordic mythology when he was in school.

Tolkien was a scholar of Old English and Old Norse literature. He must have read much of it in the original because it borrows a lot of things from the northern sources such as the Edda, the main source of ancient Scandinavian mythology and poetry. There is a long list of names of dwarves from the Edda which come up come in Tolkien's Ring Cycles. There has been a lot of fascination in the Vikings over the past 200 years, including Tolkien and Wagner and The Game of Thrones.

The Vikings were far more creative than we are led to think. They wove tapestries, created rune stones, wrote sagas and poetry, sculpted and farmed.

One of the things I was trying to do in this book is to make the Vikings less sensational. We think of them as people who raided and killed and fought but they also, like every other group of people, created literature and music, even though we don't know much about it. From European sources we know how they attacked and killed and plundered but if you want to know who the Vikings were we need to get sources from their side and you have to read their rune stones and poetry which tell us how they lived.

The Vikings have left a subtle imprint on English-speaking cultures.

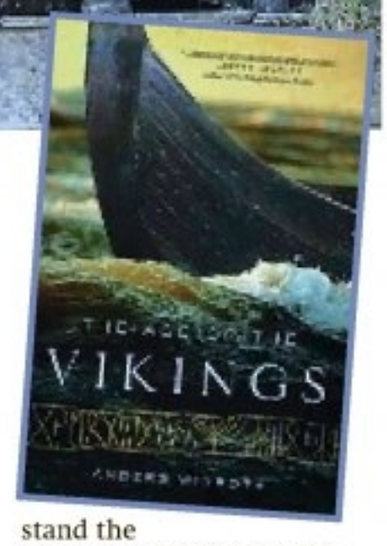
It is surprising how many words in English were borrowed from the Vikings, especially when they settled in northeastern England. Words like wonderful, rotten, in-law, outlaw, wrong, thrifty, window, fellow, eggs and steak are some of the words.

My wife is from Iceland and that is where most of the original manuscripts of the sagas and most of the poetry are located. Iceland is isolated. The North Atlantic is a dangerous ocean so it was difficult to settle in Iceland. There were periods in Icelandic history where there was very little contact with Scandinavia.

There were a lot of Vikings in Ireland. Dublin, for instance, is a Viking name and Vikings settled in that area on the Liffey River, laying out streets. Ransack is a Norse word. The same word exists in Middle Irish as rannsaka (to search a house).

Icelanders don't have last names, a legacy of the Vikings.

One of the things I was trying to do in this book was to help people understand the Vikings in their time. The history of Scandinavia is violent but so is the history of Europe. We think of the Vikings as violent but that is a myth. In the context of the society they lived in there was nothing remarkable about Viking violence. They were much less violent that Charlemagne who was the ruler what is today's France and Germany. He was a king and had the resources of his kingdom and was much more ruthless than the Vikings who were more like freebooters.



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GRAPHIC NOVEL

The rule this time? Don't mention the rule

Fight Club 2
BY: Chuck Palahniuk and Cameron Stewart
PUBLISHER: Dark Horse, $39.99, 256 pages

Mike Donachie
Metro | Canada

Fight Club 2 is grotesque, and that's just how it should be.

Chuck Palahniuk decided that comic books were the medium to continue the story of Tyler Durden, the alternate personality who established underground fistfight clubs where men could rebel against modern life.

It's the right medium. It has allowed Palahniuk, and the top-notch Canadian artist Cameron Stewart, to create a multi-layered story that messes with expectations and challenges the reader in a brain-bending way.

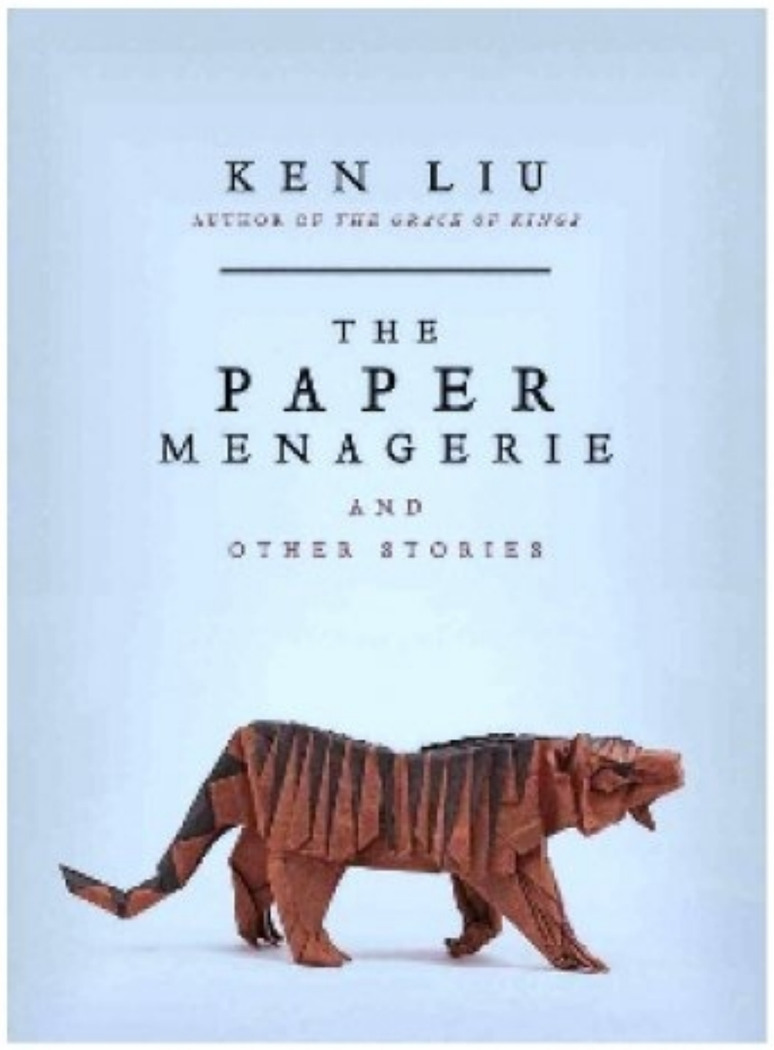
The basics: it's 10 years later, and Sebastian, the narrator who has Tyler in his head, is suffering a soul-destroying life married to love interest Marla. But, in a series of twists as dark as anything Palahniuk has written before, Tyler re-emerges.

To avoid spoilers, that's as far as we'll go. But brace for grim humour, disturbing shocks and Palahniuk's own comments on Fight Club the movie and reader reaction. It's so metatextual that one character says it's too metatextual. Then it gets even more metatextual.

The first rule of Fight Club 2 is: don't mention the first rule of Fight Club. Or the second rule.

4 SCI-FI VISIONS OF THE FUTURE

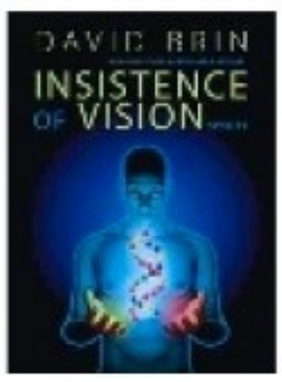
Must-read short stories and hopeful speculative fiction are among our books picks this week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



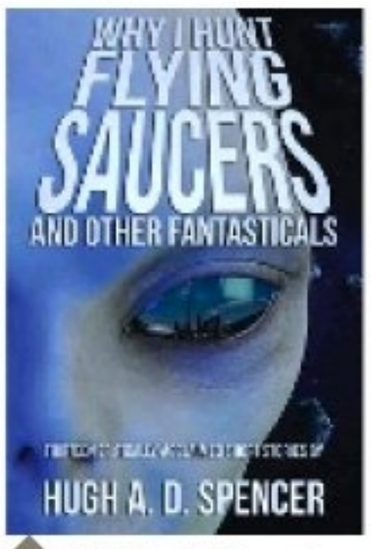
1 The Paper Menagerie

Ken Liu's speculative fiction has a dominant concern: the preservation of family and culture when both are being put under strain. This is obvious in the title story of this collection — the first story to win the Hugo, Nebula and World Fantasy Awards within the same year — which deals with a Chinese-American man remembering a bit of magic origami from his childhood that he has outgrown. But that same interest in the conflict between different ways of seeing, thinking and being invest almost all of the other stories as well, including those dealing with exotic forms of alien life and technology. It's a great collection, strongly reminiscent of the work of China Mieville, and the only disappointing part comes in Liu's introduction, where he says he no longer writes as many short stories, having chosen to focus his efforts on novels. **(Saga Press, $33.99, 450 pages)**

2 Insistence of Vision

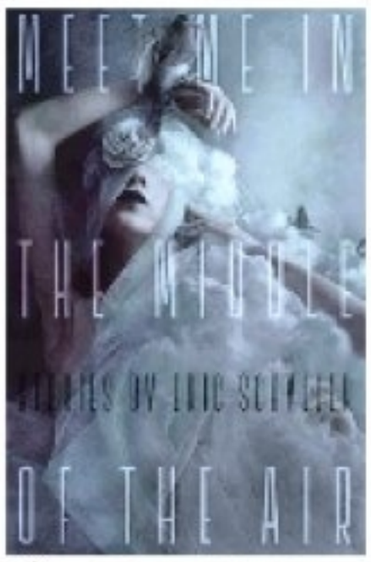


The fiction of David Brin is informed by a central recurring theme as well, in his case the operation of various kinds of evolution: organic and synthetic, directed and undirected, fast and slow. This interest in dynamic change feeds into his vision of SF as an essentially optimistic form: not because he believes in "progress" but because he believes in the ability of humankind to improve its condition. This isn't to say that change is always for the best. Sometimes progress comes at a price, sometimes two steps forward are followed by one step back, and sometimes the best-laid plans go terribly awry (the story "Mars Opposition" being a great example of all of these outcomes). **(The Story Plant, $34.95, 374 pages)**



3 Why I Hunt Flying Saucers

Why I Hunt Flying Saucers is a book much like Eric Schaller's in that it's a great debut collection of stories that offers up a retrospective of highlights from 25 years of published work. It's also similar in its provision of editorial notes by the author on the stories themselves — a nice little bonus that is becoming increasingly common. **(Brain Lag, $15.99, 265 pages)**



4 Meet Me In the Middle of the Air

Eric Schaller's debut collection of weird dark fiction is like one of those great first albums put out by a band that's been writing songs and practicing them in clubs for years. Drawing on two decades of material, these are bold, original stories that startle the reader at nearly every turn of the page. **(Undertow Publications, $23.99, 253 pages)**

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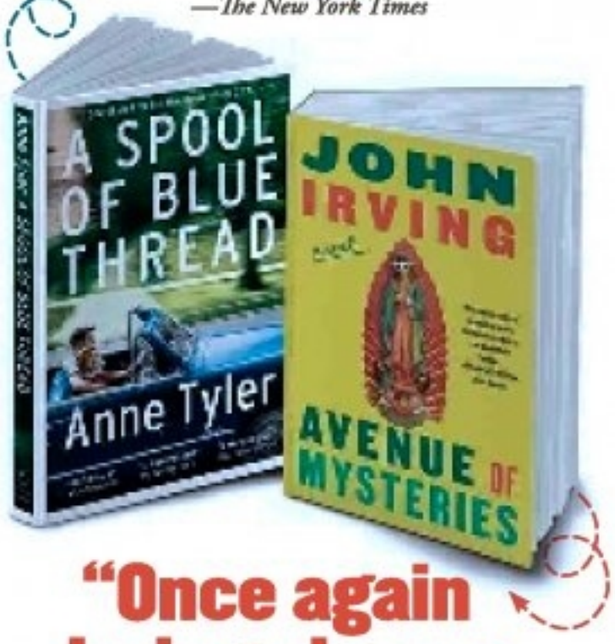

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A clash of cultures in 1930s Shanghai

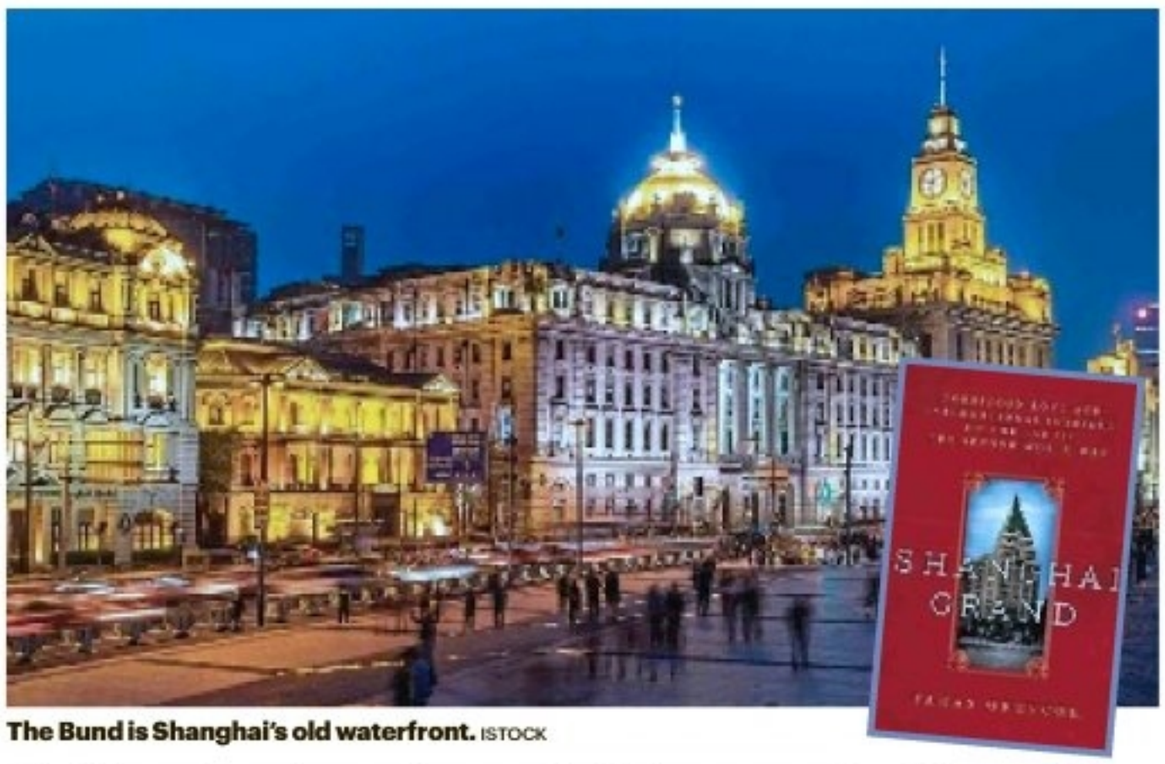
HISTORY

Taras Grescoe explores the city during the Depression

In the Shanghai of the 1930s, a visitor may have seen a film of blue opium smoke drifting down Nanking Rd. to the area around Blood Alley where Chinese people working as rickshaw drivers and beggars needed puffs of the potent drug to forget their impoverished lives.

Up in the swanky part of town, in hotels and apartments, expatriates from the United States and Britain played through the night, gulping gin slings, having sex, sometimes smoking opium.

Shanghai accommodated writers, con men, women who thrived on adventure and those who wanted to reinvent themselves. The remarkable, if brief, story of this fantastic city is told by Canadian writer Taras Grescoe in Shanghai Grand: Forbidden Love and International Intrigue on the Eve of the Second World War.



The Bund is Shanghai's old waterfront. ISTOCK

> The story of Shanghai is about a clash of cultures and when you understand that, you understand China.
>
> **Author Taras Grescoe**

What led you to investigate the Shanghai of the mid-1930s?

I'd been to China five times and when I was researching another book I lingered for a few days in Shanghai and as I wandered on the Bund (the old waterfront) I felt I'd entered a time capsule. There was a band of septuagenarian and octogenarian Chinese musicians playing old jazz standards in a mock Tudor bar. The walls were stained with nicotine. There were dropped ceilings and I could see there was beautiful marble carving on them.

When I went back home to Canada I began doing research and realized that many of the places I'd been were remnants of old Shanghai. Shanghai is a palimpsest. You can see the old Chinese city, which stands as a maze work of residences and shops, then there is this European city and a modern city. I realized Shanghai would be a fantastic subject for a book. It sat there marinating in my head for a while and then I began to do research.

Most of the fascinating people who populate your book were Jewish, including Sir Victor and a Canadian named Morris "Two-Gun" Cohen. They did a lot to help Jews fleeing Nazi Germany.

Shanghai became a port of last resort because Canada and the United States were turning away ships filled with Jewish refugees. When they arrived in Shanghai they were welcomed.

Sir Victor worked in the canteen of the embankment house, he set up a refugee thrift store and he gave money to the cause. He had pride in his heritage. He saw himself as more culturally rich than members of the British upper class with whom he had associated all his life. This is why he helped his Jewish co-religionists. You didn't ask the big question. What was really important about Shanghai? If you want to understand what is happening in China today, you need to understand the Shanghai of yesterday. When the British and Americans introduced opium to China, it caused a reaction that has been there ever since. The Chinese considered it a vast insult. China had once been a glorious empire and had been reduced to a poor, backward country.

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DESIGN PAMELA LOVE'S MUSES & MANIFESTATIONS

Squares and circles, crystals and daggers, hearts and feathers, the Cosmos and the Earth all intersect in the work of New York jewelry designer Pamela Love. "She is incapable of being bland," writes artist Francesco Clemente in the introduction to Muses & Manifestations. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 Moon and stars

A photo showcasing the intricate shapes seen in pieces from Love's 2015 Stardust collection are prefaced with this Serbian proverb: "Be humble, for you are made of earth. Be noble, for you are made of stars."

2 Phases

While Love takes inspiration from sources including Mexican folk art and medieval Europe, when it came to designing her Moonphase pieces, she needed only to look up. Glittering gems punctuate discs that mimic the phases of the moon.

3 Inspiration

A self-taught tarot card reader from the age of 14, Love was drawn to both "historic occult figures and rock stars like the Rolling Stones." The all-seeing eye, serpents, symbols and mystic shapes all feature in her work.

4 The land

Love draws inspiration from shapes and materials from the American southwest. Feathers, both real and crafted from metal, act as accents for pieces like these ear jackets — a style of earring Love favours over traditional-style ear ornaments.

5 Artistry

A stunning leaf collar and elaborately worked bracelet from Love's romantic 2013 Maia Collection are echoed in the themes of a Francesco Clemente watercolour and miniature: "Emblems of Transformations 68."

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

The word that awakens the id

THE SHOW: Ballers, Season 2, Episode 2 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The "p—y" taunt

Dwayne Johnson stars in Ballers, a series that's genius at having its beefcake, and eating it too. CONTRIBUTED

NFL star turned investment counsellor Spencer (Dwayne Johnson) is wooing a football player client, Sizzle, away from his main competitor, Andre (Andy Garcia).

Spencer's partner and pal Joe (Rob Corddry) thinks warring with Andre is a bad idea. They hiss at each other in the hall while Sizzle waits in a boardroom.

"We walk away now, Sizzle puts it on the streets that we p—ied out," Spencer says.

Joe grins. "You think I give a sh— about that?" he says. "I've been called a p—y my whole life."

"I'm sure you have," Spencer says. "But not me."

"You're a p—y," Joe says.

"Watch it," Spencer says.

"Don't worry, you get used to it," Joe says. "P—y."

We can actually see Spencer's testosterone rise. "Don't do this," he warns.

"F—ing p—y," Joe taunts. "You starting to get numb to it?"

"Don't do it," Spencer repeats, dangerously quietly.

"You crying, p—y?" Joe whines.

Spencer grabs Joe's tie and yanks him up. "Don't," he says.

This series is genius at having its beefcake and eating it, too. It manages to be a scathing indictment of hyper-male culture and privilege, while reveling in those very things. It's all sports cars, sharp suits, and coke parties on yachts wall-to-wall with half-naked, gyrating women — yet it shows us the folly of that, too. It's a neat trick.

Spencer is trying to be a Joe. But in his amygdala — his reptile brain — he's still Sizzle. Repeat that one little word enough, and he turns into nothing but muscle-bound id.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

World reacts to the 'lone wolf' tenor

SCANDAL

Perez Hilton, other celebs tweet their disapproval

Remigio Pereira, left, is facing public backlash after changing the lyrics of O Canada to includ the phrase 'All Lives Matter.'
SCREENGRAB

Remigio Pereira likes to bill himself as a team player.

"Every decision we make is a group decision," the (perhaps former) member of the singing quartet the Tenors told the Star in 2010. "When it comes to the group, we all have to want to sing something or it doesn't wind up on the stage."

So what was Pereira thinking at Tuesday night's Major League Baseball all-star game when he apparently stunned his fellow Tenors by changing the lyrics of O Canada?

"We're all brothers and sisters, all lives matter to the great," Pereira sang, instead of, "With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the true north strong and free."

He also held up a handwritten sign saying "united we stand" and "all lives matter," and made a peace sign.

Pereira did not respond to a request for an explanation from the Star. Tenors' manager, Jeffrey Latimer of Toronto, could also not be reached for comment.

For their part, the other three members of the vocal quartet have apologized via Twitter to pretty much everyone on the face of the earth and called it a "lone wolf" act that was "extremely selfish" and "shameful."

The Tenors — whose other members are Victor Micallef from Toronto, Fraser Walters from Vancouver and Murray from Port McNeill on Vancouver Island — are a Juno Award-winning quartet that tours the globe in tuxedoes and skinny suits, performing a mixture of classical and pop.

Comedian Mark Critch tweeted: "#TheTenors used to known as 'The Canadian Tenors.' Now they are known as the 'unbookable Tenors.'"

"Hell hath no fury like 37 million people who are tired of being sorry #TheTenors," tweeted Ottawa journalist Mandy Kovacs.

Perez Hilton was among those stunned by what he heard, tweeting" "Say what?! RT Canadian singing group #TheTenors added 'all lives matter' to #OCanada!"

B.C. musician Patrick Boyle was more amused than anything else, tweeting: "Canada not immune to cowardly acts of tenorism. #lonewolftenor"

Perhaps it was the tension of touring that drove Pereira to this point. "It is not always easy spending so much time together," Pereira told Boston's Metro West Daily News in 2013. "It sometimes feels like a marriage times four, but the work means a lot to all of us."

On Twitter early Wednesday, Pereira tried to explain why he went rogue and sparked a chorus of outrage: "I've been so moved lately by the tragic loss of life and I hoped for a positive statement that would bring us ALL together. ONE LOVE.

"That was my singular motivation when I said all lives matter."

He added: "I speak for the human race and the lives of all sentient beings. Love, peace and harmony for ALL has always been my life's purpose."

Critch apparently wasn't impressed by his new spokesperson, tweeting: "Hey Humans! Hey sentient beings. We have a guy to speak for us now. Remigio can be earth's agent. #TheTenors"

Following Tuesday's controversial performance, The Tenors issued a statement saying Pereira won't be performing with them "until further notice."

"The Tenors are deeply sorry for the disrespectful and misguided lack of judgment by one member of the group acting as a 'lone wolf' today during the singing of the Canadian National anthem at the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in San Diego," the group posted on Twitter.

"The other members of the group are shocked and embarrassed by the actions of Remigio Pereira, who changed the lyrics of our treasured anthem and used this coveted platform to serve his own political views."

Critch tweeted in response: "Tenor was a 'Lone wolf.' He was a tenor-ist. Canada, Let's pray David Foster isn't radicalized #Altolivesmatter"

Pereira describes himself on Twitter as "Proud Dad/ Multi-Platinum Juno Award Winning Recording Artist/ Song-Writer/ Producer/ CEO @artisgroupe / Vegan/ I am a Vega ambassador @vegateam."

And if he feels under attack now, it's not the first time. On The Tenors' website, Pereira talks of how he doesn't mind looking vulnerable.

"The songs have everyone's blood, sweat and tears on them," he is quoted as saying. "This is what we want to show people. It's very humbling. It's like walking out of your house naked. You're opening yourself up and you're baring yourself."

The website describes Pereira as "a multifaceted artist sought-after for his work as a vocalist, guitarist, composer and songwriter" who's fluent in four languages.

A former rock musician and self-taught guitarist, he switched over to classical music at the age of 23, when he was accepted to Le Conservatoire du Quebec.

He earned a master's degree from the Conservatoire in classical guitar performance.

"When I was playing rock music, I really hated opera, didn't understand it until I went to university for classical guitar," he told Ellen Niemer of Alive.com in 2008. "I met some singers there and that's how my love for it began."

He apparently didn't minor in math. Asked his five favorite things by Il Postino newspaper, Pereira replied: "Music, love, sex, nature."

Singing was something his late father loved to do, he told Niemer.

"My dad would be able to hold a room captivated with his voice," Pereira told the journalist. "I grew up with my father whistling and singing in the house. He used to serenade my mother. He was a very romantic person."

Pereira once said he began singing because he realized that playing the guitar alone wouldn't pay the bills.

"He is equally inspired to sing an opera, as he is to write a pop song, a symphony, or a verse of poetry," The Tenors' website states.

Pereira stuck to the proper lyrics for O Canada when The Tenors sang at the 2012 NBA all-star game. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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MEET THE CONDO

Life on 17th

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Project overview

Named after its street location, Truman Homes 1741 in Killarney is the perfect blend of location and style. This project features ceiling heights that start at nine feet, Matte black Kohler plumbing fixtures, Ceaserstone counters and hand-scraped engineered hardwood floors.

Housing amenities

This project features a painted, heated and monitored underground parkade with secure storage and professionally designed landscaping. Each unit comes with maintenance free decks with natural gas hookup for a barbeque.

Location and transit

Perfectly situated in Killarney, this project is just steps away from schools, restaurants and shopping and within walking distance to a golf course, parks and more. Part of the appeal of 1741 is the fact the Shaganappi Point LRT station is just two blocks away.

In the neighbourhood

Besides a popular golf course, Killarney is home to a shopping mall, great restaurants and pubs, coffee shops and a grocery store. Being located on 17th Avenue also has its perks, as one of Calgary's trendiest streets is within walking distance with more food and shopping options.

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NEED TO KNOW

What: 1741
Builder: Truman
Designer: N/A
Location: 1741 26 Ave S.W
Building: One building with 56 units
Sizes: 550 square feet to 1,025 square feet
Pricing: Starting in the mid 300's
Status: Now selling
Occupancy: One, two and three bedroom options in 12 different floorplans
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Email: dilesh@trumanhomes.com
Phone: 403-852-2212
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What's hot on the market

1 THE DISTRICT BY THE BERMAN GROUP

Immediate occupancy: Located in the heart of Mission, The District is a 59-unit condo project that will transform the corner of 18 Ave. and 2 St. S.W. Check out the Sales Centre located at 18 Ave. and 2 St. S.W.

2 PARK POINT QUALEX

Now selling: With local pathways, transit, Car2Go options and a nearby Plus15 skywalk, everything is central and connected to any destination with the historic Central Memorial Park at your doorstep. Check out the Park Point Discovery Centre at 301-11th Ave. S.W.

3 THE ROYAL BY EMBASSY BOSA

Still selling: The Royal is set to become the tallest condo in the area with 90,000 square feet of commercial component attached to what will be a 223-unit tower. Check out the Royal Presentation Centre located at 16th Ave. and 9th Street S.W.

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Prepare your vehicle for those summer road trips

ISTOCK

It's camping and RVing season again, which means it's time to make a checklist to ensure those trips go smoothly.

No one wants to get to a campsite only to realize they've forgotten something, or that a service supposedly offered at the site is now "out of order."

Avid camper and Canadian Tire auto service manager Matt Honeywell has a checklist he uses every time he and his family head out camping in the summer:

- Check the brakes, lights and tires on the tow vehicle and RV. Are the spare tires aired up and still in good condition?
- Is all the safety equipment in good working order? This includes the towing hitch, equalizer towing system, fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon dioxide alarms.
- Do you have all the chemicals you need for your RV's water and waste holding tanks?
- Are all the coolers, fishing rods, tackle, licenses, cooking equipment and toys packed?

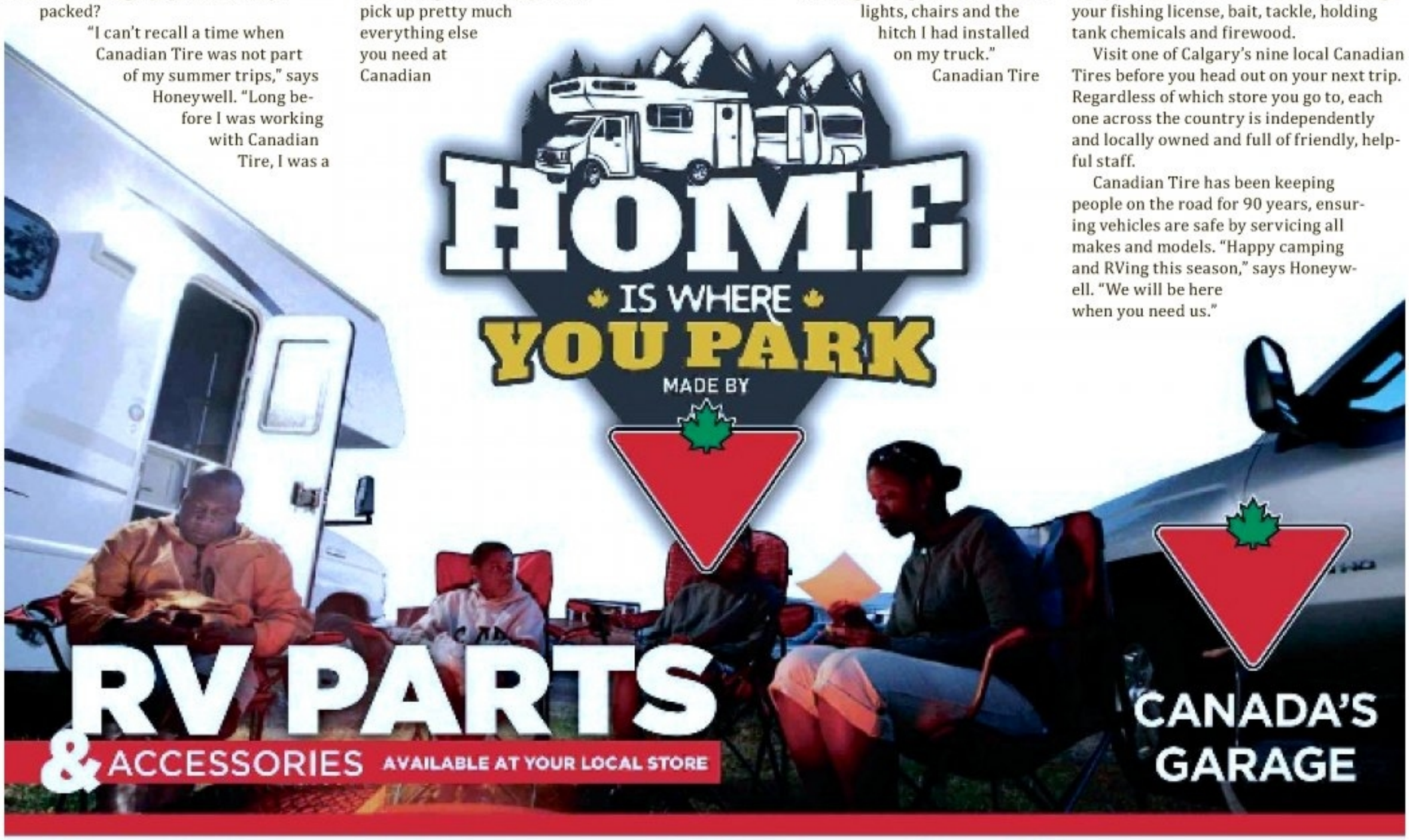
"I can't recall a time when Canadian Tire was not part of my summer trips," says Honeywell. "Long before I was working with Canadian Tire, I was a loyal customer. I have picked up my tents, fishing rods and cooking equipment there when I was camping."

While you'll have to hit the grocery store for hot dogs and buns, you can pick up pretty much everything else you need at Canadian Tire. "A few years ago I purchased a tow behind trailer, and sure enough, Canadian Tire was where I was able to completely outfit my trailer," says Honeywell. "I was able to get my generator, outdoor lights, chairs and the hitch I had installed on my truck."

Canadian Tire offers a selection of RV accessories, outdoor equipment and RV charging systems. You can get everything you need to insure you're well outfitted for camping and all equipped for summer — including getting your fishing license, bait, tackle, holding tank chemicals and firewood.

Visit one of Calgary's nine local Canadian Tires before you head out on your next trip. Regardless of which store you go to, each one across the country is independently and locally owned and full of friendly, helpful staff.

Canadian Tire has been keeping people on the road for 90 years, ensuring vehicles are safe by servicing all makes and models. "Happy camping and RVing this season," says Honeywell. "We will be here when you need us."



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Johnson at top of his game

BRITISH OPEN PREVIEW

Long hitter coming off pair of wins in the last month

The smile spoke louder than anything Dustin Johnson had to say Wednesday at the British Open.

His game has never been better. Just one month ago, Johnson was known as golf's best athlete who had won every year he has been on the PGA Tour — the longest streak since Tiger Woods — but who had everything go wrong in the majors.

Now he's the U.S. Open champion and a favourite at the British Open who can move to No. 1 in the world with a victory.

But that's not what brought the biggest smile.

It was a question about whether he could think of anything that stressed him out.

Anyone who has spent time around the 32-year-old American during his eight years and 11 victories on tour — and finally, a major — knows Johnson doesn't get too worked up over anything. Not the two-shot penalty on the final hole of the 2010 PGA Championship for grounding his club in a bunker ("I still don't think that was a bunker," he said). Not the three-putt from 12 feet that cost him a shot at the U.S. Open last year.

Not even a peculiar decision by the USGA at Oakmont last month in which officials told him he might be penalized one stroke after his round, meaning Johnson had to play the last seven holes not knowing his own score. He played them in even par to win by three.

Another question: has the attention as a major champion been difficult to manage?

He smiled.

"I haven't noticed," Johnson said.

Johnson is that rare breed of golfer who can manage to entertain without being all that revealing.

Even so, his level of comfort was never more evident, particularly when he finished his 20-minute news conference. Walking down from the stage, he plopped his six-foot-four frame on the top step and held court with a small group of reporters to talk about his strategy at Royal Troon, his equipment change for a week of links golf (a 2-iron and 3-iron, only three wedges) and how many shots he has to give his future father-in-law, hockey great Wayne Gretzky, when they play.

"He won't play with me," Johnson said. "He only plays if he can be my partner."

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Dustin Johnson blasts out of a bunker in Troon, Scotland, on Wednesday. The British Open gets underway Thursday. STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

I know I'll give myself a chance again. It's just up to me to learn from the mistakes of that Sunday afternoon and bring that into the next one. Shane Lowry went through the whole gamut of emotions after throwing away a four-shot lead in the final round of U.S. Open last month

HIGH PRAISE

- Coming off victories in the U.S. Open and a World Golf Championship, Johnson has moved past Jordan Spieth to No. 2 in the world.
- "There's not an individual here ... very surprised by what's going on," defending British Open champion Zach Johnson said. "He's a supreme athlete, and it just so happens that his sport — for all of us, unfortunately — is golf. Very talented. I mean, we talk about his prowess. There's not that many guys that can do what he does."

OLYMPICS

Canada gunning for 19 medals

The Canadian Olympic team is confident it can reach its goal of winning at least 19 medals at the Rio Olympics.

"Our primary goal is to win more medals than we won in London (in 2012), so 19 or higher will achieve that important goal," Anne Merklinger, CEO of the Own The Podium program said Wednesday on a conference call. "Our ultimate goal is to finish in the top 12 in total nation medal counts.

"We know that every medal will matter and it is an extremely tight medal race."

315

The projected number of athletes Canada will sent to Rio.

By top 12, Merklinger was referring to total medals. The International Olympic Committee gives priority to gold medals in its standings, so Canada was nowhere near the top 12 in London with 18 total medals, but only one gold.

But she said boosting the medal count is a realistic goal based on performances in recent years, especially the athletics squad that took eight medals at its last world championships.

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Redblacks remain undefeated in T.O.

CFL

Harris, Jackson bust game open for Ottawa

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

REDBLACKS	ARGOS
30	20

Tristan Jackson's 75-yard punt-return touchdown earned the unbeaten Ottawa Redblacks a 30-20 road win over the Toronto Argonauts on Wednesday night.

Jackson broke three tackles en route to snapping a 20-20 tie at 4:19 of the fourth quarter for Ottawa (3-0-1), the CFL's lone unbeaten squad. The first punt return TD in Redblacks' history ensured quarterback Trevor Harris's return to Toronto was a triumphant one.

Harris spent four seasons with Toronto — going 9-7 as the starter last year while incumbent Ricky Ray recovered from off-season shoulder surgery. He signed with Ottawa this off-season as a free agent and assumed the No. 1 job after veteran Henry Burris suffered a hand injury in the season opener.

Harris, the CFL passing leader, was a masterful 28-of-31 passing for 392 yards, his fourth straight 300-yard game. He also had a one-yard TD run in the third following a 77-yard completion to Greg Ellingson as the big play hurt Toronto (2-2).

Ottawa's Chris Williams (25 catches, 493 yards, six TDs) came in as the CFL's receiving leader but Ellingson had nine catches for 218 yards.

The Redblacks also earned a third straight road win to open the season. The last time an Ottawa team did that was 1976 when the franchise won its last Grey Cup. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Argonauts' Anthony Coombs jumps across the goal-line for a touchdown against the Ottawa Redblacks on Wednesday at BMO Field. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

One 'Hail Mary' left in Brady appeal

Tom Brady will miss the first four games of the upcoming NFL schedule. Unless he doesn't.

"Deflategate" has crept into a third NFL season, and with the federal court's rejection on Wednesday of the New England quarterback's appeal of his suspension, it certainly appears that Brady will be sidelined into early October.

Brady still has the option of taking his case to the Supreme Court — one legal analyst called that nothing more than a "Hail Mary" — and getting the suspension for his role in the use of underinflated footballs in the 2014 AFC title game overturned or stayed. Given how aggressively Brady, the NFL Players Association and all the lawyers involved have pursued the case, trying to get the Supreme Court to hear it could be the next step.

Tom Brady GETTY IMAGES

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NBA

Soaking in praise not Duncan's thing

When Tim Duncan decided to reflect on his outstanding 19-year NBA career, the understated star did it in the most Timmy way possible: Seated at a table with a friend from the islands.

Two days after the San Antonio Spurs announced his retirement, Duncan told longtime friend Rashidi Clenance that he simply "started not enjoying myself as much. It wasn't fun as much. When it's not fun anymore, I'm done."

Duncan tried to avoid much of the praise from former teammate Bruce Bowen's tribute and coach Gregg Popovich's emotional news conference on Tuesday.

Tim Duncan GETTY IMAGES

"I didn't expect the response that I got," Duncan said. "No, I didn't. That's the way I'm built. I knew that I didn't want to sit there and watch what was being said. It's appreciated, but I just didn't want to watch it."

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IN BRIEF

Canada 7s coach canned

Canadian rugby sevens coach Liam Middleton has paid the price for missing out on the "very attainable" goal of Olympic qualification.

Rugby Canada announced Wednesday it will not renew Middleton's contract and will launch a global search for a new head coach immediately.

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Darvish set to start Saturday

Yu Darvish is set to make his return to the Texas Rangers' rotation on Saturday.

The AL West leaders said Darvish threw a bullpen session Wednesday and is expected to be activated from the 15-day disabled list to start the second game of the team's weekend series at the Chicago Cubs.

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RECIPE Mediterranean Pasta

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We love roasted vegetables and this pasta dish shows them off, alongside salty artichokes and plucked-from-the-garden sweet basil.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 red pepper, seeded and cut into wedges
- 1 red onion, cut into wedges
- 3 cloves garlic, coarsley chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 can artichoke hearts, drained, rinsed, and quartered lengthwise
- 3 small ripe tomatoes, quartered
- A handful of fresh basil leaves
- 3 tablespoons of parmesan
- 1/2 lb dry pasta

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Scatter the peppers, red onion and garlic in a roasting tin. Sprinkle with sugar, drizzle over the oil and season with salt and pepper.

2. Roast for 15 minutes, toss in the tomatoes and artichokes and roast for another 15 minutes until everything is soft and golden brown.

3. While the veggies are roasting, cook the pasta in salted boiling water. Cook according to package instructions. Drain well.

4. Remove the veggies from the oven, tip in the pasta and toss. Tear the basil leaves on top and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

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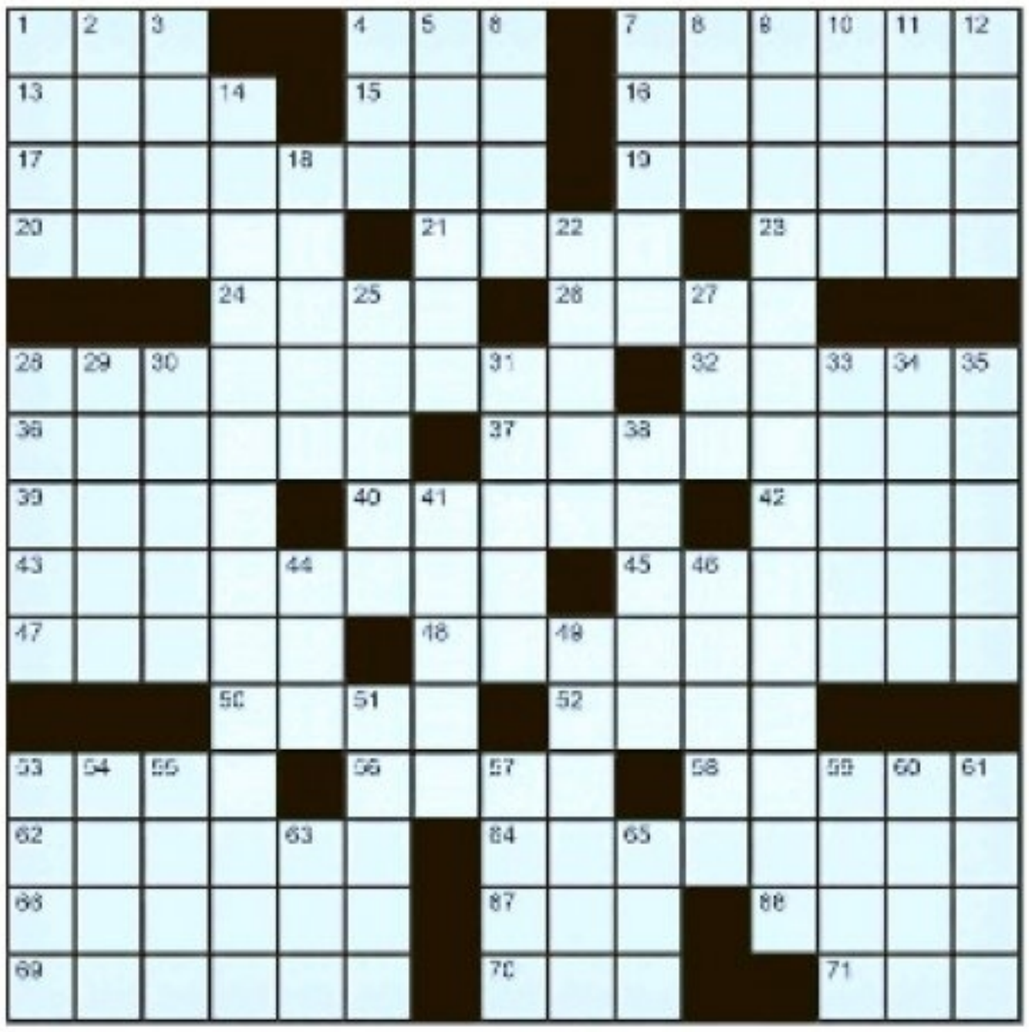

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1. '_'__ in Virden
4. Naja Haje
7. Abhor
13. Writer Ms. LeShan, and others
15. Tea: French
16. Storage for a bowler or a bonnet
17. Where to buy souvenirs at the museum: 2 wds.
19. 2003 Sam Roberts album: 'We Were Born in __'
20. Sound from a miffed pirate
21. Expends
23. Ancient Greece's war god
24. Aristocratic title
26. Anguish
28. Honours
32. Begin
36. Anchored at the wharf
37. Accumulator of information
39. First edition, e.g.
40. Scent
42. Mr. Gooding Jr.
43. Recommendation, as for a doctor
45. "The Talented Mr. __" (1999)
47. Cheeky
48. Bonuses for TV rerun stars
50. Hand over power
52. Newbie
53. Ruffian
56. Medieval chest
58. Volunteer
62. Preserve, as tradition
64. New movie's red carpet event
66. Brought up
67. Prefix meaning 'Air' or 'Gas'
68. Pinpoint
69. Spectre-ish
70. Belonging to English writer Mr. Lewis (b.1898 - d.1963)
71. Heavy wts.

DOWN
1. "Luka" singer Suzanne
2. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
3. Johannesburg, _._.
4. Sports fig.
5. Ought
6. Sprightlinesses
7. Capital of Tibet
8. Lummox
9. Newfoundland's provincial bird: 2 wds.
10. Up-the-slopes ride
11. Baseball plate
12. Splitsville stars
14. Red-on-white-background symbol atop Alberta's provincial shield: 3 wds.
18. Sedimentary rock
22. __ salts
25. "M*A*S*H" character
27. Web connector, for short
28. Belonging to ancient Rome's god of love
29. Chick of jazz music
30. Salon styles
31. School: French
33. Gene Vincent's 1956 rocker: "Be-Bop-_-_"
34. Riot
35. Cafeteria items to slide along whilst picking out items
38. Opera legend Ms. Callas
41. Pinker in the steak's middle
44. The Catcher in the __ (J.D. Salinger novel)
46. Manner of speaking
49. Drummer's purchases
51. "Big __" (1999) starring Adam Sandler
53. Town, colloquially
54. Moonfish
55. "Yummy Yummy Yummy": 1968 novelty hit for The __ Express
57. Canadian politics channel
59. Amazing accomplishment
60. CNN anchor Ms. Burnett
61. Reunion attendees, e.g.
63. Tennis call
65. Ums and Hmmms ...and Whats?

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
In discussions about inheritances and shared property, you have strong ideas today! You intend to fight for your rights or the rights of someone else.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Guard against outbursts of anger today, either on your part or the part of someone else, because people are opinionated! Everyone wants to give you a piece of their mind. (Yikes!)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will need to be patient with coworkers today, because people are easily upset. Someone might be moody, aggressive or impulsive. (Walk softly and carry a big cellphone.)

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Romantic partners might quarrel today because someone is emotionally upset. Parents will have to be patient with children. (It only takes a minute.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Domestic arguments might break out today because someone, probably a female family member, is upset. Remember: Patience is the antidote to anger.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Guard against knee-jerk reactions when talking to others today. You don't want to say something that you'll later regret, which is very easy to do today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A heated discussion about cash flow, money or possessions might take place today. Be careful, because your emotions will overrule your logic. Think before you speak.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today you will say what you mean and mean what you say, because you feel courageous and you have strong opinions. Be wise and think before you speak.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have lots of energy to do research or find behind-the-scenes solutions today. If you are searching for something, you won't stop until you find what you are looking for. You'll be relentless.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A female friend will be feisty today! If things are touch-and-go, this is a poor day to mention anything that could lead to an argument.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Relations with your boss (or a parent) will be emotional today. If you aren't happy, this is not the day to express your grievances or ask for permission or approval. Wait for another day.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because people are just too emotional. More than that, they want to express their opinions! Easy does it.

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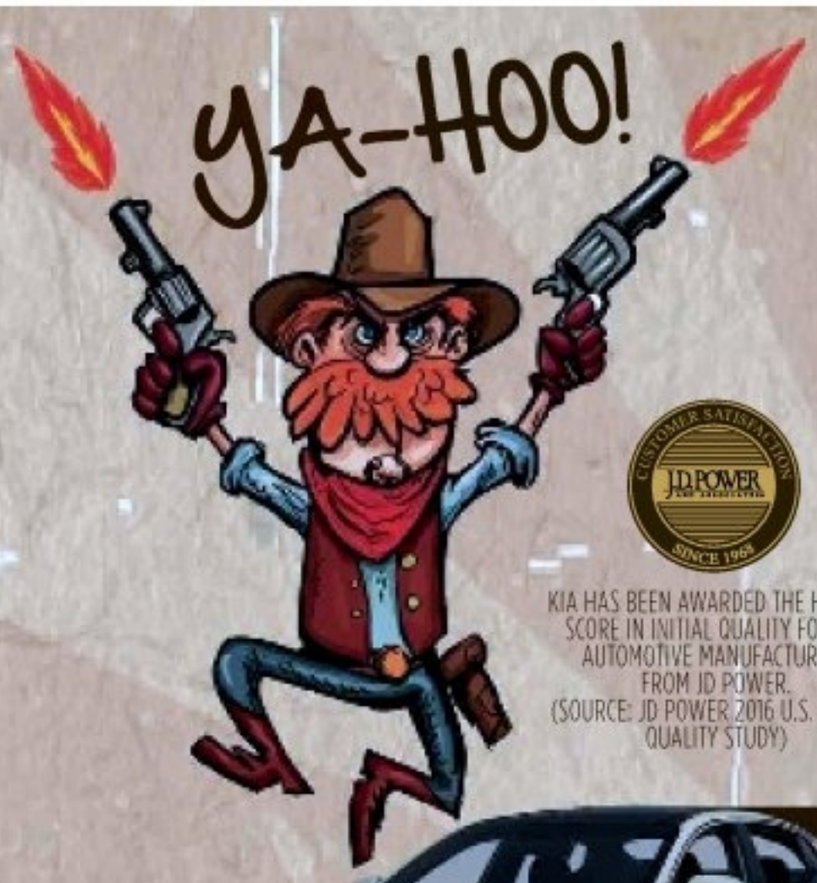

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